

CONTEXT CLUES: (ELAGSE4L4a)

The colonists were hoping that control by the British of that region would allow them to **expand** westward.

Expand means: A) spread B) decrease C) support

In 1763, Britain defeated France in a war which both countries wanted control of trade with Native Americans living in the Ohio River Valley. The colonies supported Britain. They were hoping that control by the British of that region would allow them to expand westward. This war was known as the French and Indian War. The war got its name as both sides had been aided by the Indians in fighting. The Treaty of Paris, a peace treaty that formally ended the war, gave Britain control of Canada and most of the land east of the Mississippi River.

1. Why did the colonists want the British to win the war? _____

Britain needed money to pay for the war. The war cost the British a good deal of money. Britain also felt they needed to keep soldiers in the region to protect their new lands. This added to their expenses and a continued strain of the budget. The people of Britain did not feel they should pay extra taxes to **support** distant colonies across the ocean.

2. What caused a strain on Britain's budget? _____

3. How did the British people feel about paying extra taxes? _____

In 1765, King George and Parliament decided to **impose** new taxes on the colonists. One of the first new taxes was the Stamp Act of 1765. This was a tax on anything that was written or printed in the colonies. The colonists felt that their local representatives should pass tax laws for the colonies. Colonists felt that there should be, "No taxation without representation!" Soon other taxes such as the Townshend Acts were placed on the colonies. These were extra taxes on items such as paint, glass, and tea. The colonists **protested** and **boycotted** goods imported from Britain. Britain did **repeal** most of the new taxes but continued to enforce the tax on tea. This made the colonists very mad.

4. What was the Stamp Act? _____

SUMMARY: Write a summary of the text.

Be sure to include these key words: King George, taxes, war, colonists, imposed, unfair, enforce, tea, protested, boycott

CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE OUTLINE: Was it fair for the people of Britain to be asked to support the people of the colonies overseas by paying extra taxes? Was it then fair for the king to impose more taxes on the colonists? Which side had the best argument against paying more taxes? **“No taxation without representation.”**
Cite examples from the text to support your answer.

Introduction: Restate the question.

Cite Evidence: Find evidence in the text to support your answer.

Opinion: Was it fair for the people of Britain to be asked to support the colonists? Was it fair for the king to impose more taxes on the colonists? (Find evidence to support your answer.)

Opinion: Which side had the best argument against paying more taxes? (Find evidence in the text to support your answer.)

Explain your answer and write an ending statement.

READING and INFORMATION PROCESSING SKILLS

MAIN IDEA: The main idea is what the entire story is mostly about. Circle the main idea. (ELAGSE4L42)

1. Britain needed money to pay for the war.
2. Britain defeated France in the French Indian War.
3. Britain imposed new taxes on the colonies to pay for the war.
4. The colonists were very angry Britain.

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER: Place the following events in chronological order. (Use # 1-4) (ELAGSE4RI5)

- A. Britain imposed the Stamp Act on the colonists. _____
- B. Britain defeated France in the French and Indian War. _____
- C. The Townshend Acts were also placed on the colonists. _____
- D. Britain needed money to pay for the war. _____

CAUSE AND EFFECT: The cause is what happened first, and the effect is the result. (ELAGSE4RI5)

Read the statement below and find the cause and effect.

King George imposed new taxes on the colonies because George needed to pay for the French Indian War.

CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: _____

Why did King George impose new taxes on the colonies? _____

LANGUAGE AND VOCABULARY SKILLS

VOCABULARY REVIEW: (ELAGSE4L4)

Write the correct word next to the definition.

support impose protested boycotted repeal

1. force: _____
2. took away: _____
3. in favor of: _____
4. stood up against: _____
5. refused: _____

SENTENCE SKILLS PRACTICE: (ELASE4L2c)

Simple or Compound: A simple sentence contains one independent clause (can stand alone). A compound sentence contains two independent clauses.

Put **S** if the sentence is simple, put **C** if the sentence is compound.

Insert a comma before a coordinating conjunction.

1. King George and Parliament decided to impose new taxes on the colonists. _____
2. Britain imposed the Stamp Act on the colonists and they also imposed the Townshend Acts on the colonists. _____
3. The colonists boycotted goods imported from Britain. _____
4. Britain continued to enforce the tax on tea. _____

CONTEXT CLUES: (ELAGSE4L4a)

Britain continued to **enforce** the tax on tea called the Tea Act.

Enforce means: A) volunteer B) allow C) insist on

Britain continued to enforce the tax on tea. This was called the Tea Act. This tax was a way to show the colonists that the British government was still in control. The Tea Act allowed the British to sell tea to the colonies more cheaply than the local colonial tea traders. This hurt those colonial merchants **financially**. Samuel Adams and Patrick Henry, both members of the Sons of Liberty, spoke out to the colonists against what the British were doing.

1. Why did Britain continue to enforce the Tea Act? _____

Feelings between the British and colonies grew worse. Many colonists were angry at the British government. On March 5, 1770, five colonists were killed as they yelled and threw snowballs at British soldiers. This became known as the Boston Massacre. On December 16, 1773, fifty members of the Sons of Liberty, led by Samuel Adams, **boarded** three ships in the Boston Harbor. They **disguised** themselves as Native Americans. Once aboard the ships, they proceeded to dump 15,000 pounds of tea into the Boston Harbor. This was called the Boston Tea Party.

2. Describe the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party. _____

King George was angry at the **destruction** of British property. He had the British Parliament to impose upon the colonists the Intolerable Acts. Under the Intolerable Acts, the Boston Harbor was shut down to the colonists. Colonists were also made to house British soldiers in their homes if needed. British General Thomas Gage was made the new governor of Massachusetts. The king wanted to **punish** the colonists with the Intolerable Acts. This act by the king only made the colonists more united as a group.

3. Why did the King impose the Intolerable Acts on the colonists?

SUMMARY: Write a summary of the text. Be sure to include these key words: King George, colonists, Tea Act, Intolerable Acts, Boston Massacre, Boston Tea Party, Sons of Liberty, impose

CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE OUTLINE: What events led to the Boston Tea Party? Do you think the colonists were justified in their actions to throw the tea overboard?

Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.

Introduction: Restate the question.

Cite evidence from the text:

List some of the events that led to the Boston Tea Party. _____

Opinion: Do you think the colonists were justified in their actions to throw the tea overboard?

Answer "yes" or "no" and explain why you feel the way you do.

Explain your answer and write an ending statement.

READING and INFORMATION PROCESSING SKILLS

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER: Reread the lesson and put the events in time-order. (Use #1-4.)

- A. The colonists threw Britain's tea overboard on December 16, 1773. This was called the Boston Tea Party. _____
- B. The British enforced the Tea Act which showed the colonists that the British were still in control. _____
- C. After the Boston Tea Party the British imposed the Intolerable Acts. _____
- D. On March 5, 1770 5 colonists were killed in the Boston Massacre. _____

CAUSE AND EFFECT: The cause is what happened first, and the effect is the result. (ELAGSE4RI5)

Read the statement below and find the cause and effect.

The King imposed the Intolerable Acts because he was mad about the Boston Tea Party.

CAUSE: _____

EFFECT: _____

Questions:

Why did the King impose the Intolerable Acts? _____

What was the effect of the Boston Tea Party? _____
