

# UNITED STATES HISTORY

## SECTION II

**Total Time – 1 hour and 40 minutes**

**Question 1 (Document-Based Question)**

**Suggested reading and writing time: 1 hour**

**It is suggested that you spend 15 minutes reading the documents and 45 minutes writing your response.**

**Note: You may begin writing your response before the reading period is over.**

**Directions:** Question 1 is based on the accompanying documents. The documents have been edited for the purpose of this exercise.

In your response you should do the following:

- Respond to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis or claim that establishes a line of reasoning.
- Describe a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.
- Support an argument in response to the prompt using at least four documents.
- Use at least one additional piece of specific historical evidence (beyond that found in the documents) relevant to an argument about the prompt.
- For at least two documents, explain how or why the document’s point of view, purpose, historical situation, and/or audience is relevant to an argument.
- Demonstrate a complex understanding of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt through sophisticated argumentation and/or effective use of evidence.

1. Evaluate the relative importance of different causes for the rising tensions between the American colonists and the British government in the period 1754-1776.

### Document 1

Source: Chief Pontiac of the Ottawa tribe addressing a gathering of Ottawa, Huron, and Potawatomie Indians, May 5, 1763.

It is important for us, my brothers, that we exterminate from our lands this nation which seeks only to destroy us. You see as well as I do that we can no longer supply our needs, as we have done from our brothers, the French. The English sell us goods twice as dear as the French do and their goods do not last. Scarcely have we bought a blanket or something else to cover ourselves with before we must think of getting another; and when we wish to set out for our winter camp, they do not want to give us any credit as our brothers the French do.

When I go to see the English commander and say to him that some of our comrades are dead, instead of bewailing their death, as our French brothers do, he laughs at me and at you. If I ask for anything for our sick, he refuses with the reply that he has no use for us. From all this you can well see that they are seeking our ruin. Therefore, my brothers, we must all swear their destruction and wait no longer.

### Document 2

Source: From the *North Carolina Gazette*, November 20, 1765.

On Saturday the 19th of last Month, about Seven of the Clock in the Evening, near Five Hundred People assembled together in this Town, and exhibited the Effigy\* of a certain Honorable Gentleman; and after letting it hang by the Neck for some Time, near the Court House, they made a large Bonfire with a Number of Tar Barrels, &c. and committed it to the Flames.—The Reason assigned for the People's Dislike to that Gentleman, was, from being informed of his having several Times expressed himself much in Favour of the STAMP-DUTY....

And, On Thursday, 31st of the same Month, in the Evening, a great Number of People again assembled, and produced an Effigy of Liberty, which they put into a Coffin, and marched in solemn Procession with it to the Church-Yard, a Drum in Mourning beating before them, and the Town Bell, muffled, ringing a doleful Knell at the same Time:—But before they committed the Body to the Ground, they thought it advisable to feel its Pulse; and when finding some Remains of Life, they returned back to a Bonfire ready prepared, placed the Effigy before it in a large Two-arm'd Chair, and concluded the Evening with great Rejoicings, on finding that LIBERTY had still an Existence in the Colonies.

\* a roughly made model of a particular person, made in order to be damaged or destroyed as a protest or expression of anger

### Document 3

Source: British Parliament, An Act for Granting Certain Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America, November 20, 1767.

WHEREAS it is expedient that a revenue should be raised in your Majesty's dominions in America, for making a more certain and adequate provision for defraying the charge of the administration of justice, and the support of civil government, in such provinces where it shall be found necessary; and towards further defraying the expenses of defending, protecting, and securing, the said dominions; we, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the commons of Great Britain, in parliament assembled, have therefore resolved to give and grant unto your Majesty the several rates and duties herein after mentioned....

For every hundred weight of crown, plate, flint, and white glass, four shillings and eight pence.

For every hundred weight of green glass, one shilling and two pence.

For every hundred weight of red lead, two shillings.

For every hundred weight of painters colours, two shillings.

For every pound weight avoirdupois of tea, three pence.

For every ream of paper, usually called or known by the name of Atlas Fine, twelve shillings.

### Document 4

Source: Statement by Captain Thomas Preston, British Officer, March 1770.

On Monday night about 8 o'clock two soldiers were attacked and beat. But the party of the townspeople in order to carry matters to the utmost length, broke into two meeting houses and rang the alarm bells, which I supposed was for fire as usual, but was soon undeceived. About 9 some of the guard came to and informed me the town inhabitants were assembling to attack the troops, and that the bells were ringing as the signal for that purpose and not for fire, and the beacon intended to be fired to bring in the distant people of the country. This, as I was captain of the day, occasioned my repairing immediately to the main guard. In my way there I saw the people in great commotion, and heard them use the most cruel and horrid threats against the troops. In a few minutes after I reached the guard, about 100 people passed it and went towards the custom house where the king's money is lodged. They immediately surrounded the sentry posted there, and with clubs and other weapons threatened to execute their vengeance on him. I was soon informed by a townsman their intention was to carry off the soldier from his post and probably murder him.

## Document 5

Source: Engraving by Paul Revere, March 1770.



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## Document 6

Source: Gen. Thomas Gage, Orders to Lieut. Colonel Smith, April 18, 1775.

Having received intelligence, that a quantity of Ammunition, Provisions, Artillery, Tents and small Arms, have been collected at Concord, for the Avowed Purpose of raising and supporting a Rebellion against His Majesty, you will March with a Corps of Grenadiers and Light Infantry, put under your Command, with the utmost expedition and Secrecy to Concord, where you will seize and distroy all Artillery, Ammunition, Provisions, Tents, Small Arms, and all Military Stores whatever. But you will take care that the Soldiers do not plunder the Inhabitants, or hurt private property.

You have a Draught of Concord, on which is marked the Houses, Barns, &c, which contain the above military Stores... The Powder and flower must be shook out of the Barrels into the River, the Tents burnt, Pork or Beef destroyed in the best way you can devise. And the Men may put Balls of lead in their pockets, throwing them by degrees into Ponds, Ditches &c., but no Quantity together, so that they may be recovered afterwards. If you meet any Brass Artillery, you will order their muzzles to be beat in so as to render them useless.

## Document 7

Source: Excerpts from the Declaration of Independence, adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

## END OF DOCUMENTS FOR QUESTION 1

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DBQ Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTEXTUALIZATION

**Describes a broader historical context relevant to the prompt.**

The response must relate the topic of the prompt to broader historical events, developments, or processes that occur before, during, or continue after the time frame of the question.

*This point is not awarded for merely a phrase or a reference.*

## THESIS / CLAIM

**Responds to the prompt with a historically defensible thesis / claim that establishes a line of reasoning.**

The thesis must make a claim that responds to the prompt, rather than merely restating or rephrasing the prompt. *The thesis must consist of one or more sentences located in one place, either in the introduction or the conclusion.*

## DOCUMENTS, EVIDENCE, & ANALYSIS

	DESCRIBES	SUPPORTS	EXPLAINS
Doc ____			
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Accurately **DESCRIBES** the content of at least **THREE** documents to address the topic of the prompt. *Quotes are insufficient to earn this point.*

**SUPPORTS** an argument in response to the prompt using at least **FOUR** documents. *These documents should meet (and exceed) the standard set for the description point.*

For at least **TWO** documents, **EXPLAINS HOW** or **WHY** the document's historical situation, intended audience, point of view, and/or purpose (**HIPP**) is relevant to an argument.

## EVIDENCE BEYOND THE DOCUMENTS

(beyond that found in the documents) relevant to an argument about the prompt.

The response must **describe** the evidence and must use more than a phrase or reference.

*This evidence must be different from the evidence used to earn the contextualization point.*

**COMPLEX UNDERSTANDING** of the historical development that is the focus of the prompt through **sophisticated argumentation** and/or **effective use of evidence**.

### SOPHISTICATED ARGUMENTATION

- Exploring nuance by analyzing multiple themes or perspectives
- Explaining both similarity and difference, both continuity and change, both causes and effects, multiple causes or effects, multiple similarities or differences, or multiple continuities or changes
- Explaining relevant and insightful connections within and across periods or geographical areas

### EFFECTIVE USE OF EVIDENCE

- Effectively uses **ALL SEVEN** documents to support an argument
- Effective HIPP analysis for at least **FOUR** documents
- Uses documents and outside evidence to demonstrate sophisticated understanding

**TOTAL POINTS:**

**17**

*Complex understanding can be demonstrated in any portion of the essay, but not merely by a single phrase or reference.*