

AS HISTORY

The Birth of the USA, 1760–1801

Component 2G The origins of the American Revolution, 1760–1776

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/2G.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From the Articles of Association agreed at the First Continental Congress, 20 October 1774.

We, His Majesty's most loyal subjects, state our allegiance to His Majesty, yet find that the present unhappy situation of our affairs is ruining our colonial administration, which is designed by the British Empire to enslave these colonies. Various Acts of Parliament have been passed, for raising revenue in America, thus depriving American subjects. And, in examination of the same system, five intolerable and oppressive acts have been passed, in respect to the town of Boston and Massachusetts Bay. These grievances, which threaten destruction to the lives, liberty, and property of His Majesty's subjects in North America, can be corrected by a non-importation and non-exportation agreement. This will prove to be the quickest and most effective, peaceable measure.

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Source B

From a letter in response to the 'intolerable' Five Acts to the 'Massachusetts Gazette' by Daniel Leonard, 9 January 1775. Leonard was a loyalist.

The role of government is protecting the people from internal greed and violence and from foreign invasion. An Englishman glories in being subject to and protected by, such a government. The colonies are part of the British Empire and we are subject to the supreme power which is entrusted in Parliament. Allegiance and protection work both ways. It is in our highest interest to continue to be part of the British Empire; and equally our duty to remain subject to the authority of Parliament. Our colonies have legislative and executive powers of their own for regulating internal affairs, but we are subordinate to, and subject to, the checks, control and regulation of the authority of the Mother Country, Britain.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining colonial reactions to the 'intolerable' Acts of 1774?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

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'In the years 1763 to 1766, the main cause of division between the colonies and Britain was westward expansion.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'British policies and actions, in the years 1774 to 1775, were responsible for the outbreak of hostilities with the American colonies.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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