

AS HISTORY

The Birth of the USA, 1760–1801

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

Monday 19 May 2025

Afternoon

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 A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

From a speech to the Stamp Act Congress, by Eliphalet Dyer, a Connecticut lawyer, October 1765.

- If we can have our interests and estates taken away and disposed of without our consent
- If we have no voice against Britain whose intention may be to shift the financial burden from themselves to us and who may attempt to raise millions from us, to offset the expense of the last or any future war under the pretence of protecting and defending America 5
- If the colonies do not now unite and use their most vigorous efforts in all proper ways to avert this imminent blow

Then in the future, we must bid farewell to freedom and liberty, burn our charters, and make the best of oppression and slavery. 10

Source B

From a speech during the debate on the Stamp Act crisis in the House of Commons, by the British Prime Minister, George Grenville, 14 January 1766.

It cannot be denied that Britain has sovereign legislative power over America. Taxation is a part of that British power. Protection and obedience go together. Britain protects America; America is bound to give obedience. If this is not so, tell me when were the Americans set free from British rule?

When America wants our protection, they are ready to ask for it and we are always ready to give it. Britain has incurred an immense debt to give them protection. Now that we call upon them to contribute a small share towards the public expense paid by Britain for their benefit, the American colonies reject British authority, insult our officers, and break out into open rebellion. 5

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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 the Stamp Act crisis in the years 1765 to 1766?

[25 marks]

Section B

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

Either

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'In the years 1760 to 1763, the Seven Years War completely changed Britain's attitude towards its American colonies.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'The Thirteen Colonies were united in their hostility towards Britain in the years 1774 to 1776.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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