

STANDARD USI.6a

The student will apply social science skills to understand the causes and results of the American Revolution by
a) explaining the issues of dissatisfaction that led to the American Revolution;

Essential Understandings

As Great Britain expanded control over the American colonies, many colonists became dissatisfied and rebellious.

Essential Knowledge

Great Britain's reasons for controlling the colonies

- Great Britain desired to remain a world power.
- In the American colonies, Great Britain's desire to remain a world power resulted in a conflict with the French known as the French and Indian War.
- Great Britain imposed taxes, such as the Stamp Act, to raise necessary revenue to pay the cost of the French and Indian War.

Great Britain's reasons for taxation

- To help finance the French and Indian War
- To help finance the maintenance of British troops in the colonies

Sources of colonial dissatisfaction

- The colonies had no representation in Parliament.
- Some colonists resented the power of the colonial governors.
- Great Britain wanted strict control over colonial legislatures.
- The colonies opposed the British taxes.
- The Proclamation of 1763, which followed the French and Indian War, restricted the western movement of settlers.