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Document Based Question (DBQ)

Causes of the Revolutionary War

Directions: This Question is based on the accompanying documents (1-4). Some of the documents have been edited for the purpose of the question. This question is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. As you analyze the documents take into account both the CONTEXT of each document and the POINT OF VIEW that may be presented.

Historical Context:

In the ten years leading up to the American Revolution many events occurred in the colonies that helped convince the American colonists to declare independence from Great Britain. Colonists resented new laws imposed by Parliament and they objected to the British soldiers stationed throughout the colonies. By 1776, it became clear that war was inevitable.

This DBQ consists of TWO parts. The documents in Part A will help you answer the Part B Essay in which you will be asked to:

Task:

Using information from all THREE documents and your knowledge of social studies, answer all the document questions in Part A and use the answers in your Part B Essay in which you will be asked to:

- ☐ ***Describe*** three causes of the American Revolution

Part A

Document 1:



Stamps affixed to paper products under the Stamp Act.

1. What kinds of products were taxed under this act? (1 pt)

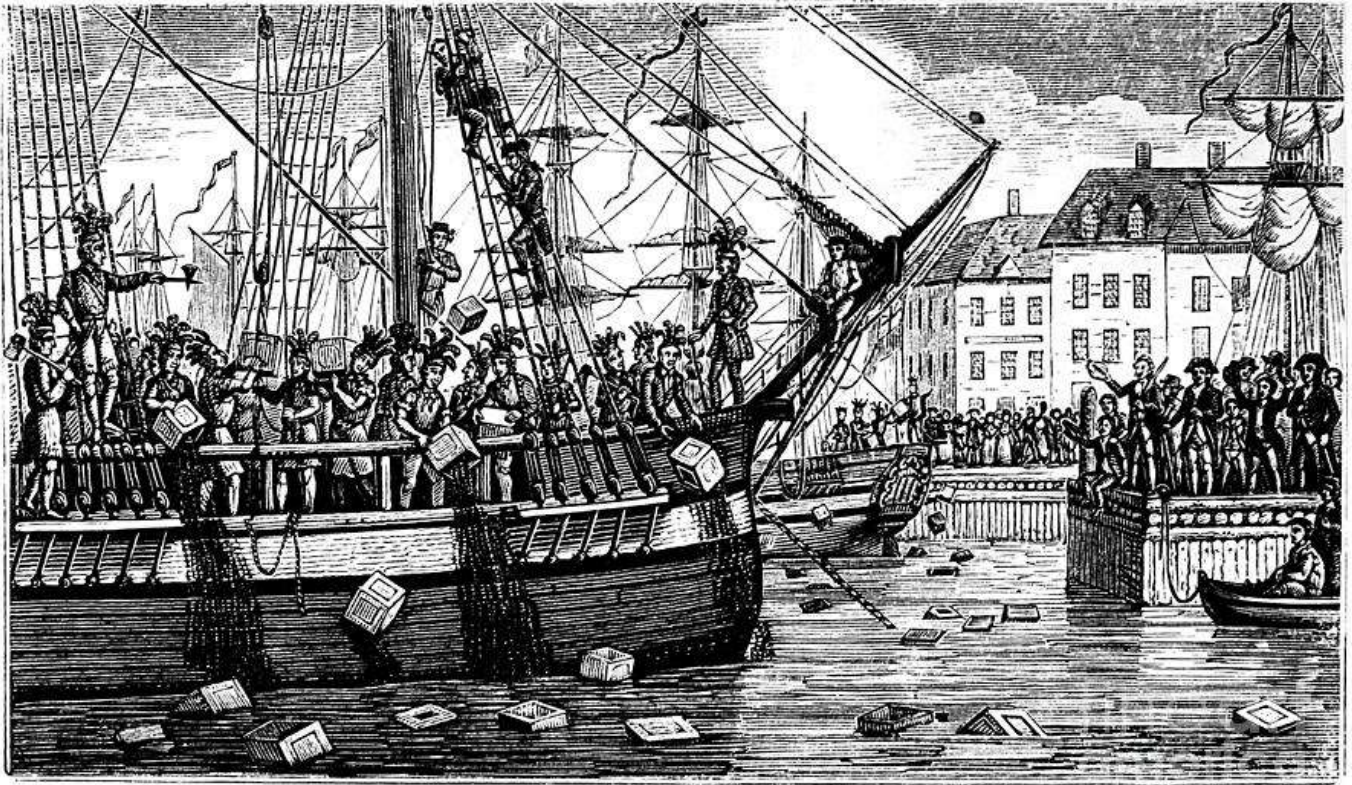
Document 2



The Bloody Massacre - Paul Revere

2. What event is shown here? (1 pt)

Document 3



Destruction of the Tea in Boston Harbor.

3a. What event is shown here? (1pt)

3b. What group is responsible for this event? (1pt)

Document 4:

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| - Port of Boston closed until reparations paid for Boston Tea Party |
| - Massachusetts government replaced with a royal governor |
| - Town meetings restricted in Massachusetts |
| - Royal officials accused of crimes would be tried in Britain |
| - The British army allowed to house troops in private dwellings |

Coercive (Intolerable Acts) imposed after the Boston Tea Party

4. Based on the document, what is one way the Colonists were punished after the Boston Tea Party? (1 pt)

Part B:

Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Use evidence from *at least three* documents in your essay. Support your response with relevant facts, examples, and details. Include additional outside information.

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Task:

Using information at least **THREE** documents and your knowledge of social studies, answer all the document questions in Part A and use the answers in your Part B Essay in which you will be asked to:

- ☐ **Describe** three events that caused the American Revolution

In your essay, be sure to:

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Incorporate information from *at least three* documents
- Incorporate relevant outside information
- Support theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the Historical Context.