

2025–2026 8th Grade SS PreAssessment MP1

Question 1.

Why did Great Britain wish to control the American colonies?

- A. The colonies provided trained soldiers to protect areas in Great Britain.
- B. The colonies provided low-wage laborers to work in British factories.
- C. The colonies provided natural resources and bought British goods.
- D. The colonies provided loans to businesses in Great Britain.

Question 2.

What event, occurring in 1773, saw colonists destroy a shipment of tea in protest of British policies?

- A. The Boston Massacre
- B. The Intolerable Acts
- C. The First Continental Congress
- D. The Boston Tea Party

Question 3.

Use the information to answer the question.



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The painting is **most** associated with American

- A. bravery.
- B. rural life.
- C. expansion.
- D. economic ideas.

Question 4.

Which prominent individual played a crucial role in securing French support for the American Revolution?

- A. George Washington
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. Benjamin Franklin
- D. John Adams

Question 5.

During colonial times, Great Britain and France competed for control of areas of North America to secure their ability to

- A. mine gold.
- B. trade goods.
- C. hire new soldiers.
- D. study different cultures.

Question 6.

Which geographic tool would be most useful for analyzing the territorial changes resulting from conflicts between European countries and Native American groups?

- A. Population density map
- B. Topographic map
- C. Historical map showing territorial boundaries over time
- D. Climate zone chart

Question 7.

How were African Americans impacted by the American Revolution?

- A. They were granted immediate freedom in all colonies
- B. They gained the right to vote in the new nation
- C. Many escaped to join the British forces for a chance at freedom
- D. They were allowed to serve in leadership positions in the Continental Army

Question 8.

What was a significant challenge faced by rural farmers during the American Revolution?

- A. Increased demand for crops
- B. Forced conscription (draft) into the Continental Army
- C. Higher taxes imposed by the British
- D. Improved transportation for their goods

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