

Guided Reading



Life in the American Colonies

Lesson 2 Colonial Government

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How do new ideas change the way people live?

English Principles of Government

Listing At the heart of the English system of government were two important principles. The first column below identifies these principles. In the second column, write a definition for the principle. In the third column, write an example of the principle.

Government Principle	Definition	Example of the Principle
Protected rights	1.	2.
Representative government	3.	4.

5. Explaining What was the purpose of the English Bill of Rights?

6. Identifying Which type of colony was each of these?

Massachusetts _____

Pennsylvania _____

Virginia _____

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7. Analyzing How did local governments set the stage for the American Revolution?

8. Analyzing What is the relationship between imports and exports in a mercantilist economic system?

9. Drawing Conclusions How did the colonists eventually come to feel about the Navigation Acts and why?

English Economic Policies

Reading for Accuracy Use your textbook to decide if a statement is true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it to make it true.

_____ **1.** Mercantilism is an economic policy in which a country must import more than it exports.

_____ **2.** In order to make their mercantilist economy succeed, Britain needed to import raw materials from its colonies.

_____ **3.** The American colonies were allowed to manufacture their own goods if they chose to.

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_____ 4. The Navigation Acts were a series of laws that allowed the colonies to sell their raw materials wherever they wanted.

_____ 5. At first the colonists did not like the Navigation Acts, but they came to appreciate them over time.

_____ 6. The colonists wanted the right to make their own decisions about where they could sell their raw materials.
