

It is 1763 and both the French and Indian war and Seven Years war are now over. Although England has a vast worldwide empire, in America the problems are not yet over and may be only beginning. A crushing debt has meant high taxes on the English people. A costly war with the Indians is raging on the American frontier. Residents in the colonies have benefited from the war, but are enjoying low taxes and believe it is their right to decide when or if they will raise money to help pay the war debt.

So far no colonies have offered to raise additional money to pay for the war. Americans are stubborn people who are happy to be part of the British Empire, but insist on being treated as equals and given the proper amount respect. England does not have such problems in other colonies where they rule completely and without resistance. Most people in England believe the purpose of a colony is to make money for the mother country. One way or another, King George III and his Parliament will need to decide what to do about these Americans.

RAFT Paper

Role: Royal Advisor

Audience: King George III

Format: Letter

Topic: What you must do about these Americans and what might happen if you don't follow my advice.

Note: this is not a research paper, use only what you have already learned and give your best advice.