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# AS HISTORY

## The Birth of the USA, 1760–1776

Paper 2G

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Specimen 2014

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2G**.
- Answer **two** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
    - 50 minutes on Section A
    - 40 minutes on Section B.
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**Section A**Answer Question 01.

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**Source A**

Adapted from George Grenville's speech in Parliament on the Stamp Act, 14 January 1766.

Protection and obedience go together. Great Britain protects America; America is bound to yield obedience. If this is not so, tell me when were the Americans emancipated? When they want the protection of this kingdom, they are always ready to ask for it. This nation has run itself into an immense debt to give them their protection. Now that they are called upon to contribute a small share towards the public expense (an expense incurred to their benefit) they renounce our authority, insult our officers and break out into open rebellion.

**Source B**

Adapted from William Pitt's speech in Parliament on the Stamp Act, 14 January 1766. William Pitt the Elder, the Earl of Chatham, was the Prime Minister who had led Britain to victory in the Seven Years War. He was Grenville's brother-in-law.

I am no courtier of America; I stand up for this kingdom. Our legislative power over America is sovereign and supreme. When two countries are connected together, like England and her colonies, the greater must rule the lesser; but must so rule the lesser, as not to contradict the fundamental principles that are common to both. If the gentleman [Mr Grenville] does not understand the difference between internal and external taxes, I cannot help it. The gentleman asks, when were the colonies emancipated? But what I desire to know is, when were they made slaves?

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the significance of the Stamp Act?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

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**EITHER**

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‘Britain’s victory over France in the Seven Years War made it more difficult for Britain to govern the Thirteen Colonies.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**OR**

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‘The slide from tension into war in the years 1774–1775 was due to the mistakes of the British Army in North America.’

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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