

Across the Atlantic

Read how the colonies and Great Britain were connected.

2.8.b “explaining the relationships between the colonies and Great Britain; and”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one sentence about trade and one sentence about rules or government. Circle words that tell what Great Britain and the colonies sent, made, or paid.

Colonies and Britain

- ① Before the American Revolution, thirteen colonies belonged to Great Britain. The king and Parliament, Britain’s lawmaking group, made many rules for the colonies. Colonists were British subjects, so they were expected to follow British laws and support the king.
- ② Great Britain and the colonies traded with each other. Ships from Britain brought cloth, tools, and tea to colonial towns. Colonial ships sent tobacco, rice, and wood to Britain. This trade connected people across the Atlantic Ocean.
- ③ Britain also asked colonists to pay taxes, or money collected by a government. The colonies had their own local assemblies, but colonists did not choose members of Parliament. Some colonists thought this was unfair because Parliament made tax rules for them.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Name two goods that ships from Britain brought to the colonies.

2 Name two goods that colonial ships sent to Britain.

3 Why did some colonists think Parliament's tax rules were unfair?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences explaining how Great Britain and the colonies were connected. In one sentence, tell what each side traded using goods from the reading. In the other sentence, tell one fact about rules or government.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one sentence about trade and one sentence about rules or government. Circle words that tell what Great Britain and the colonies sent, made, or paid. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two goods that ships from Britain brought to the colonies.	Any two: cloth, tools, and tea.
2	Name two goods that colonial ships sent to Britain.	Any two: tobacco, rice, and wood.
3	Why did some colonists think Parliament's tax rules were unfair?	Colonists did not choose members of Parliament, but Parliament made tax rules for them.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Great Britain sent tea to colonial towns, and colonial ships sent rice to Britain. Parliament made rules for the colonies, but colonists did not choose its members.

Accept any accurate trade goods named in the passage, with Britain sending cloth, tools, or tea and the colonies sending tobacco, rice, or wood. The second sentence should accurately explain a rule, tax, Parliament, or the colonists' lack of representation.