

COLONIAL GRIEVANCES IN THE CONSTITUTION

Learning Objective(s): The students will

1. Analyze a primary document;
2. Recognize colonial grievances addressed in the Constitution;
3. Learn to paraphrase information

TEKS/TAKS: 8.3A; 8.16C

MATERIALS NEEDED:

1. List of grievances found in the Declaration
2. Copies of US Constitution
3. Activity Sheet

Teaching Strategy:

1. Provide each student (or groups of two) a copy of the grievances in the Declaration (teacher can determine the grievances used).
2. Have student or student groups complete one activity sheet using a grievance selected randomly. (This should allow all grievances to be discussed and located in the Constitution in one class period.)
3. After the activity sheets have been completed, class discussion of each of the grievances and its location in the Constitution should take place.
4. At the end of the class discussion, teacher can emphasize the purpose of the activity by having students write a short paragraph explaining how the Constitution addressed grievances of the colonists under British Law. (For ease of grading, answers can be placed on index cards.)

GT/Pre-AP Extension:

Have students read the Declaration and select one grievance that has not been listed to discuss in the original class instructions.

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Activity Sheet

Grievance

Consequences of Grievance:

Constitutional Solution:

Colonists:

England:

**Paraphrase
Constitutional Solution:**

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Teacher Key

Grievance

"For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World."

Consequences of Grievance:	Constitutional Solution:
Colonists:	
<p><i>The colonists were hurt economically because their markets were greatly reduced by having to rely on England to determine with whom the colonists would trade.</i></p>	<p><i>Federal system of government where the federal government will regulate trade with other nations, but each state could regulate trade within its borders.</i> <i>Article I, Section 8, Clause 3</i></p>
England:	Paraphrase Constitutional Solution:
<p><i>England benefited from this grievance because a tax was levied on the trades. By controlling the colonial trade routes, England could exclude any items that would not produce a high tax or revenue. The colonists were also taxed, which reduced their profits.</i></p>	<p><i>The federal system meant that although the central government would set up standards for trade among the states, each state could determine its own tax rates and other regulations not interfering with the federal government. The federal government would negotiate and protect trade with other nations for all of the states.</i></p>

GRIEVANCES

1.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.

2.

He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the consent of our Legislatures.

3.

He has made Judges dependent on his will alone, for the Tenure of their offices, and the amount of payment of their Salaries.

4.

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the World.

5.

For transporting us beyond the Seas to be tried for pretended offenses.

6.

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent.

7.

For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefit of Trial by Jury.

8.

He has obstructed the administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.