

Handout A: Acts of Parliament

Warm-Up:

Describe the relationship between the American colonies and the British government in 1763, at the end of the French and Indian War.

Exploration:

1. Read your assigned act of Parliament below.
2. As you read, use the following annotation strategies:
 - Box words or phrases that represent cultural values of the colonies or colonial identity.
 - Circle words or phrases that represent cultural values of Great Britain or English identity.
 - Underline evidence of the text that demonstrates how this would act would be harmful to the colonies.
3. After you have read and annotated your assigned act, answer the Analysis Questions.

Vocabulary	Definition
avoirdupois (n) (ah-VWAHR-duh-PWAH)	a system of weights based on 1 pound containing 16 ounces or 7,000 grains
customs (n)	a custom is a tax on imported goods; when pluralized, the term refers to the department that collects these taxes
duty (n)	a payment due and enforced by law or custom, in particular
drawback (n)	a refund of customs or duties paid
quartering (n)	the provision of accommodations or lodgings, especially for troops

Analysis Questions:

1. Who did the signers of this document consider themselves to be?

2. What was the purpose of their voyage?

3. What was the purpose of this document?

4. What did the signers agree to do?
