



Background to causes of Revolutionary War

I. Key terms

A. Triangular Trade

1. The trading system between North and South America, Europe, and Africa
2. It involved the exchange of slaves, **cash crops** (such as sugar), and **manufactured** items (such as guns).
3. This system continued on from the late 1500's to the early 1800's.

Leveled questions



- Reminder: Level 1 question- right there in the text.
- Create a Level 1 question for Part A of notes.
- Example from notes: What was one item that was exchanged in the Triangular Trade?

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B. Mercantilism

1. An economic idea which emphasizes **trade** for nations to gain wealth.
2. The colonies exist to benefit the **mother country** (England).
3. The colonies would provide **natural resources**. This would help expand Britain's **trade** with other nations.

Leveled questions

- Level 2 = Level 2- asks us to process information, compare/contrast, analyze, etc.
- E.G.- “Why might the Enlightenment be connected to the Scientific Revolution?”
- Create a Level 2 question on the left side of your notes for Section B
- Example: What benefit might have the colonies gained from England in exchange for providing natural resources?

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C. Ideas of **John Locke**

1. The ruler must protect the life, liberty, and **property** of their subjects.
2. The ruler can be **overthrown** if they are not fulfilling their part of the **social contract** (agreement between the ruler and the people)



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D. **French and Indian War.**

1. Series of wars fought between Britain and **France** from 1754-1763.
2. Fought over control of the Ohio River Valley
3. Both sides enlisted the help of **Native Americans** (France more so)
4. Concluded with a **British** victory and an agreement that would end nearly all French control in North America.

Leveled questions



- Level 3- asks us to apply concepts, predict, wonder about concepts
- “Which of the 5 ideas of the Enlightenment is the most important in American society today?”
- Create a Level 3 question for **either** Section C or D
- Example = Do you think the United States still follows the ideas of John Locke today? Why or why not?



Final question reflection

- Complete the final reflection question (at the bottom of your notes)