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## Advanced Study Guide—Part I

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1. Why were the British-American colonies seen as “business ventures”? Which issues were addressed in the colonial charters?
2. How did the principles of mercantilism guide British policy toward the American colonies?
3. Some colonists believed that British trade policies promoted their economic development, while others viewed them as an obstacle. Summarize the arguments underlying each viewpoint.
4. In what areas did the American colonists enjoy a large degree of self-government? What factors contributed to Britain’s “light hand”?
5. Unlike cocaine, heroin, or other illegal drugs, the goods smuggled by the colonists were neither illegal nor harmful. If you were an attorney in 1750 hired to defend a colonial merchant and a shipowner caught with a cargo of smuggled goods, what arguments would you present before the court?
6. How did the American colonists apply the ideas of John Locke in criticizing British rule?
7. Why did some British leaders fear that their country’s acquisition of Canada would eventually lead to the loss of the British-American colonies?