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Advanced Study Guide—Part II

1. What were the main economic factors motivating the American colonists to oppose the Sugar Act and the Stamp Act? What political principles were at stake for the colonists?
2. Look up the word “appeasement” in a dictionary. Do you think that this word describes British policies toward the colonies before 1773? Explain your reasoning.
3. Why did William Pitt press for the repeal of the Sugar Act and the Stamp Act? Why did his compromise proposal fail to end conflict between Britain and the colonies?
4. Although the colonies rejected Benjamin Franklin’s call in 1754 to unite in the face of the threat from France, they came together to resist effectively British efforts to impose new taxes after 1763. What accounts for the increased cooperation?
5. Britain adopted much firmer policies toward the colonies after the Boston Tea Party. In your opinion, did the mother country overreact, or was this the case of a mother finally realizing that her children had spun out of control? Explain your reasoning.
6. In your opinion, would the American War of Independence have taken place if the first shot at Lexington had not been fired in April 1775?