

**Grade 7**  
**English Colonies Unit Assessment – Colonial Journal**

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*For the written portion of your unit assessment on the English Colonies, you will create a journal of your experience as an English colonist documenting your growing displeasure with the English government.*

**For this exercise:**

1. You are transported back in time—you are now a young adult in Boston Massachusetts.
2. You are writing a journal on one theme—your reasons why colonial government should become separate from the English government.
3. You will write three detailed journal entries.
4. You will draw three key scenes which you witnessed with a detailed caption that explains why this scene demonstrates your desire for more self-government. *As always, no violence may be depicted in your key scenes.*

The events you may select to document are:

1. English Bill of Rights
2. Triangular Trade & British Trade Laws
3. The Great Awakening
4. The Enlightenment
5. The French & Indian War
6. Samuel Adams & the Committees of Correspondence<sup>3</sup>
7. The Stamp Act of 1765
8. The Townshend Acts
9. The Boston Massacre
10. The Tea Act & the Boston Tea Party
11. The Intolerable Acts (Coercive Acts)

**Remember—you choose three on which to write a thorough journal entry**

**Remember—you choose three on which to draw a picture with a detailed caption**

**Remember—the focus of each journal entry, key scene and caption is why the event leads you, as a colonial young adult, to desire greater independence from England and more self-government**

**Final note: Each of the six entries, written and drawn, must cover a different topic; therefore, six of the eleven possible options will be covered in your journal.**

**How will my grade be determined?**

Each entry will be worth 10 points for a total of sixty points.

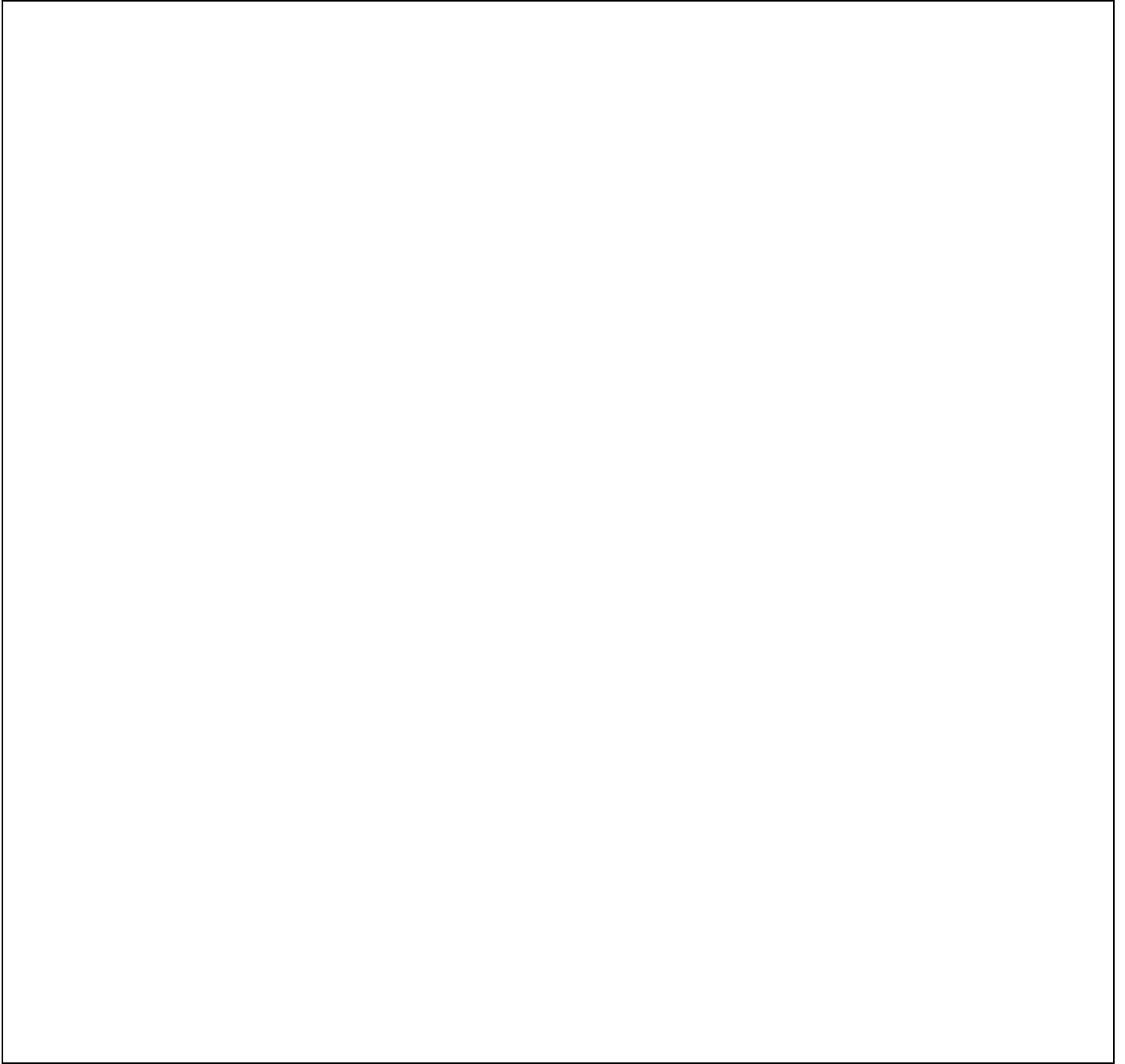
Five points will be awarded for entries, captions, pictures that fully demonstrate the main theme: why the event leads you to desire greater self-government for the colonies and why this means the colonies should separate from England. Points will be removed from the final score for lack of clarity in demonstrating this main point.

Five points will be awarded for entries, captions, pictures that are historically accurate & demonstrate a clear effort. Points will be removed from the final score for lack of historical accuracy and /or lack of demonstrated effort.



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