

3.1 Contextualizing Period 3

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ **Total: 13 marks**

KEY WORDS context 背景

Objective

Build the skills to write the **context** 背景 for 1754-1800.

You must be able to:

- state the CED’s three key concepts for the period
- explain why KC-3.1 names two causes
- state what the revolution’s ideals inspired
- state what intensified conflicts among peoples and nations

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Three key concepts

KC-3.1: British attempts to assert tighter control **and** the colonial resolve to pursue self-government led to a colonial independence movement and the Revolutionary War.

KC-3.2: the Revolution’s democratic and republican ideals inspired new experiments with different forms of government. **KC-3.3:** migration within North America and competition over resources, boundaries and trade intensified conflicts among peoples and nations.

■ Two causes

The CED makes the war the product of **both** British policy and colonial resolve. An answer blaming only British taxation has removed the colonists’ own agency from their revolution.

■ Experiments

“**New experiments with different forms of government**” — plural, and experimental. The Articles and the Constitution are two attempts, not a plan and its execution.

■ The third thread

KC-3.3 runs alongside the other two and is the one most often dropped: the period is also about migration west, competition over land, and the conflicts that followed.

2 Practice

2.1 State the CED’s three key concepts for the period. [3]

2.2 Explain why KC-3.1 names two causes. [2]

2.3 KC-3.2 speaks of experiments.

(a) State what this implies about the Articles and the Constitution. [2]

(b) State the thread most often dropped. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 KC-3.1 attributes the independence movement to British control and [1]

- **A** the colonial resolve to pursue self-government
- **B** French intervention
- **C** Spanish policy
- **D** nothing else

3.2 “New experiments with different forms of government” is [1]

- **A** plural and experimental
- **B** a single plan
- **C** a description of Britain
- **D** about the colonies before 1754

3.3 A student's context for the Revolution mentions only British taxation.

(a) State what is missing. [1]

(b) Explain why it matters. [2]

Solutions

2.1 British attempts at tighter control and colonial resolve leading to independence and war; the Revolution's ideals inspiring new experiments with forms of government; migration and competition intensifying conflicts among peoples and nations.

2.2 the war was the product of both British policy and colonial resolve; an answer with only the first removes the colonists' agency.

2.3 (a) they are two attempts rather than a plan and its execution. (b) KC-3.3's migration and competition over land.

3.1 A. colonial resolve.

3.2 A. plural and experimental.

3.3 (a) the colonial resolve to pursue self-government. (b) the CED makes the movement the product of both, so a policy-only account cannot explain why colonists responded as they did.