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SECTION 1 The Crisis of the British Empire, p. 111

What was the crisis in the British Empire?

What British policies in the 1760s led to rising resentment and resistance in the colonies?

What was the main provision of the Tea Act of 1773? Why did some colonists object to it?

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SECTION 2 The Declaration of Independence and African Americans, p. 115

What did the Declaration of Independence mean to African Americans?

What influence did the ideas of John Locke have on the ideology of the American Revolution?

What role did African Americans play in the events and debate that led to the American Revolution?

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SECTION 3 Black Enlightenment, p. 119

How did African Americans contribute to the Enlightenment?

Describe Phillis Wheatley's attitude towards white culture and the American Revolution

How did Benjamin Banneker's background and education prepare him for his accomplishments later in life?

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SECTION 4 African Americans in the War for Independence, p. 123

What roles did African Americans play in the War for Independence?

What spurred some African Americans to support the Loyalist cause?

What spurred some African Americans to support the Patriot cause?

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SECTION 5 The Revolution and Emancipation, p. 127

How did the American Revolution weaken slavery?

How might one explain Quaker leadership in the antislavery movement?

What economic challenges did newly freed black people face in the years after the Revolution?

