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-Teach the essentials of representation and taxation using the 3 primaries

The issues of unfair taxation and lack of representation within Parliament were just a few of the reasons

for the American colonists to declare independence from England. The American colonists thought it wrong and

✓ "denied the right of Parliament, in which no Americans were seated, to impose taxes on Americans."<sup>1</sup> The Americans also argued "that no taxes should be imposed on them, but with their own Consent, given personally, or by their Representatives."<sup>2</sup>

Furthermore, in the Declaration of Independence, the issues of taxation and representation are brought

to attention again. The charges against King George III and Parliament include "imposing Taxes on [the colonies]

✓ without [their] Consent" and "suspending [the colonies'] own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for [the colonies] in all cases whatsoever."<sup>3</sup> Jefferson argued that since the King had neglected the "natural rights' of humankind," the colonies were "justified in cutting their connection" with England.<sup>4</sup>

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In addition, the creation of the Constitution solved both issues of taxation and representation. Congress,

✓ which controls "[a]ll legislative powers" is split into "a Senate and House of Representatives."<sup>5</sup> In the House of Representatives, "larger states were conceded representation by population"; however, in the Senate, "[e]ach state, no matter how poor or small, would have two senators."<sup>6</sup> To solve the issue of taxation, only Congress has

✓ the "power to lay and collect taxes [...] to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States."<sup>7</sup>

In conclusion, the issues of taxation and representation date back to colonial times but have since been

resolved due to the creation of the United States Constitution.

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- <sup>1</sup> Kennedy, Cohen, and Piehl, *American Pageant*, 91. ✓
- <sup>2</sup> Stamp Act, 1. ✓
- <sup>3</sup> Declaration of Independence, 2. ✓
- <sup>4</sup> Kennedy, Cohen, and Piehl, *American Pageant*, 106. ✓
- <sup>5</sup> Constitution, 1. ✓
- <sup>6</sup> Kennedy, Cohen, and Piehl, *American Pageant*, 130. ✓
- <sup>7</sup> Constitution, 3. ✓

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