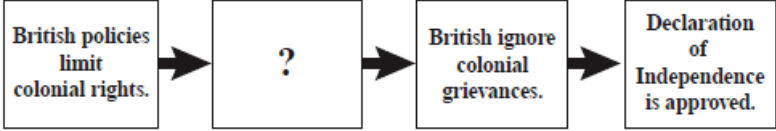


SS.7.C.1.3 Low Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation

Question	Which document addressed colonial concerns about English policies?	The correct response will identify a document written by colonists that outlined their concerns about English policies.
A	Declaration of Independence	Correct – The Declaration of Independence was written by the colonists to outline the reasons why they were unhappy with English policies.
B	Mayflower Compact	Incorrect – The Mayflower Compact was a document written by the colonists that outlined their support for the establishment of self-government.
C	U.S. Constitution	Incorrect – The U.S. Constitution was developed long after the colonists declared independence. The new Americans wrote the Articles of Confederation after they declared independence from England. It was during the time that the Articles of Confederation were in effect that they wrote the U.S. Constitution.
D	Bill of Rights	Incorrect – The Bill of Rights is the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution.



SS.7.C.1.3 Moderate Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation

Question	<p>The diagram below describes a cause that led to the writing of the Declaration of Independence.</p>  <p>Which action completes the diagram?</p>		<p>The flow chart represents a cause and effect relationship.</p> <p>The correct answer should replace the question mark.</p>
A	Colonial agriculture trade increases.	Incorrect – The colonists would not have grievances about gaining economic freedom.	
B	Colonial religious devotion increases.	Incorrect – The colonists would not have grievances about gaining religious rights.	
C	Colonial demand for political change increases.	Correct – Colonial demand for political change increased as a result of the colonists’ concerns with English policies related to taxation, representation, and individual rights. This option correctly completes the flow chart because the colonists reacted to the British policies that limited their rights by expressing their grievances and demanding political change. The colonists’ grievances were ignored which led to the writing of the Declaration of Independence.	
D	Colonial demand for military assistance increases.	Incorrect – The colonists would not have asked for more military assistance from the same government that used the military to limit their rights.	



SS.7.C.1.3 High Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation

Question	Why did Parliament eventually repeal the Stamp Act, which taxed goods such as newspapers and playing cards?	<p>The Stamp Act was a law passed by the British Parliament that taxed goods that made day to day life challenging for the colonists.</p> <p>The question asks why the British Parliament changed its mind and repealed the Stamp Act after it had been in effect for a period of time.</p>
A	The colonists established a blockade against British goods.	Incorrect – The colonists still allowed British goods to come to the colonies so they did not create a blockade (where nothing would be permitted to come into the colonies by ship).
B	The colonists were able to produce their own goods.	Incorrect – The colonists did not produce playing cards and newspapers. These came from England.
C	The colonists started destroying British goods.	Incorrect – The colonists would not destroy the things that they needed from England.
D	The colonists began boycotting British goods.	Correct – The colonist’s only option when the Stamp Act was passed was to boycott British goods which caused England to lose revenue (income) on their goods. After four months of protest and boycotting, the Stamp Act was repealed by Parliament.

