**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 6—The British Empire and the Colonial Crisis, 1754–1775**

* **What were the most significant factors contributing to the deteriorating relations between Britain and its North American colonies?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to remind yourself of the factors leading to the deterioration of British-American relations between 1754 and 1775 and why these factors were significant. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the factors in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Reasons for deteriorating relations between Britain and its North American colonies** | **Result of damaged relationship**  |
| **How did the Seven Years' War lay the groundwork for colonial crisis?** |  |  |
| French-British Rivalry in the Ohio Country |  |  |
| The Albany Congress |  |  |
| The War and Its Consequences |  |  |
| Pontiac's Rebellion and the Proclamation of 1763 |  |  |
| **Why did the Sugar Act and the Stamp Act draw fierce opposition from colonists?** |  |  |
| Grenville’s Sugar Act |  |  |
| The Stamp Act |  |  |
| Resistance Strategies and Crowd Politics |  |  |
| Liberty and Property |  |  |
| **Why did British authorities send troops to occupy Boston in the fall of 1768?** |  |  |
| The Townshend Duties |  |  |
| Nonconsumption and the Daughters of Liberty |  |  |
| Military Occupation and “Massacre” in Boston |  |  |
| **Why did Parliament pass the Coercive Acts in 1774?** |  |  |
| The Calm before the Storm |  |  |
| Tea in Boston Harbor |  |  |
| The Coercive Acts |  |  |
| Beyond Boston: Rural New England |  |  |
| The First Continental Congress |  |  |
| **How did enslaved people in the colonies react to the stirrings of revolution?** |  |  |
| Lexington and Concord |  |  |
| Rebelling against Slavery |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the following question:*

* **What were the most significant factors contributing to the deteriorating relations between Britain and its North American colonies?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. When thinking about how to organize this essay, you will want to consider why British-American relations deteriorated and the end result of the weakened relationship. Understanding the reasons and the results will help you determine which factors were most significant. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*