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Core Idea	English Policies and Responses to Colonial Concerns
Focal Point #1	Taxation, representation, and individual rights formed the basis for independence
Focal Point #2	There were so many grievances in the Declaration of Independence--the benchmark clarification helps to focus attention
Focal Point #3	Items may reference events or acts, but students need not know events or acts; (American History teachers may focus on the story and need to be brought back to civics)
Focal Point #4	Focus on “because this happened, this was the result” (cause and effect; note that cause and effect is a moderate complexity activity, p. 12)

