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1. The Seven Year’s War brought a new era of globalization to the world, and the colonists of North America were the first to notice the effects. The most obvious change of the war was the new lands conquered by Britain, and the rising philosophy of Territorial over Commercial Imperialism. Members of Parliament embraced the benefits of having land over controlling commercially valuable territories, so when given the opportunity to take almost half of North America, they took it. This created problems for Americans, though, who wanted to take advantage of the new land but were not allowed due to British laws to prevent war with Natives. The war itself forced the colonies to unite against their enemies and British attempts at seizing power. The British, displeased with the colonists’ weak efforts, sought to take more power after the war due to the heavy war debts resulting from the war. Due to this, they tried again and again to raise taxes and take more control from the colonial legislatures.

3. Before the war, the colonies had relatively free reign with their laws, taxes, and trade. The first attempt of the British to gain more power happened during the war, when PM William Penn and his military commanders began to seize supplies from the colonists without permission, and forcibly enlisting colonists. However, after riots and resistance by many colonies, he backed down. After the war ended, to raise money, George III and PM Grenville believed that the colonists have had a history of disobeying the empire, and that they should pay greater parts of the cost. Their Grenville Program included Sugar, Stamp, and Currency acts brought taxes and currency changes to America, causing conflicts and movements against them. This was repealed by parliament and into the Townshend Program, with which they tried to target fewer colonists. However, the colonists viewed an attack on one an attack on all, and once again rose to challenge it. With so many unpopular acts by Parliament, and with the Boston Massacre, revolution was inevitable.

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