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HISTORICAL ANALYSIS – Cause & Effect – The End of Salutary Neglect / New Imperial Policy

Skill 1: Historical Causation (cause and effect/impact) Historical thinking involves the ability to identify, analyze, and evaluate the relationships among multiple historical causes and effects, distinguishing between those that are long-term and proximate, and among coincidence, causation, and correlation.

Proficient students should be able to ...

- Compare causes and/or effects, including between short-term and long-term effects.
- Analyze and evaluate the interaction of multiple causes and/or effects.
- Assess historical contingency by distinguishing among coincidence, causation, and correlation, as well as critiquing existing interpretations of cause and effect.

Reminders About Causation -Historians often debate the causes and effects of events, because history is complex and filled with multiple variables. Some facts are facts: black and white. But most of history is gray: up for interpretation. When analyzing causation, we must remember that we are making a judgment and defending our viewpoint. And, remember... every viewpoint has an opposing or differing viewpoint. Analyzing the effects of historical events requires similar skill. It is not only listing ways the event impacted the nation, for example, it is analyzing historical significance of those effects. Did the effect stem directly from the event? Or, was it simply a coincidence in time and place? Was the effect short term or long term? Which cause was most significant? Which effect was most significant? Etc.

Explain *how* New Imperial Policy impacted colonial politics and power (political impact).

Explain three ways the British changed their imperial policy in order to reassert control over its colonies during the 18th century? Highlight the most significant change.

What other forces impacted colonial politics?

1. Explain *how* New Imperial Policy impacted colonial culture (beliefs, ideas... cultural impact).

2. What other forces impacted change in beliefs?

Explain *how* New Imperial Policy impacted the development of American Identity-.

3.

What other forces impacted developing identity?

Highlight the most significant impact.