

Questions – Brinkley, Chapter 4 “The Empire in Transition”

1. Why did Britain and France come into conflict in North America during the late 17th and early 18th centuries? What caused the French and Indian War (1754-1763)? Why is it sometimes called the First Global War?
2. Explain the “New Colonial Policy” (or New Imperialism according to Brinkley) that Britain adopted towards the colonies after the War? How was this policy different than the pre-war policy?
3. Explain how the colonists responded to each of the following? How effective were these responses? How did they affect relations with Britain? – Stamp Act, Townshend Acts, Boston Massacre, Tea Act, Coercive Acts?
4. How did the Colonists justify their resistance to Britain’s policies? How did Britain justify its policies?