



Proclamation of 1763

Building Context

Objective

What were the causes and effects of the Proclamation of 1763?



Directions: [Watch this video clip](#) on the Proclamation of 1763. While you are watching this clip, answer the questions below to help you organize your thoughts.

Video Analysis Questions:

- 1) What was the Proclamation of 1763?

- 2) What happened to the colonists who lived west of the Appalachians?
 - a) What happened to the land grants that had already been made?

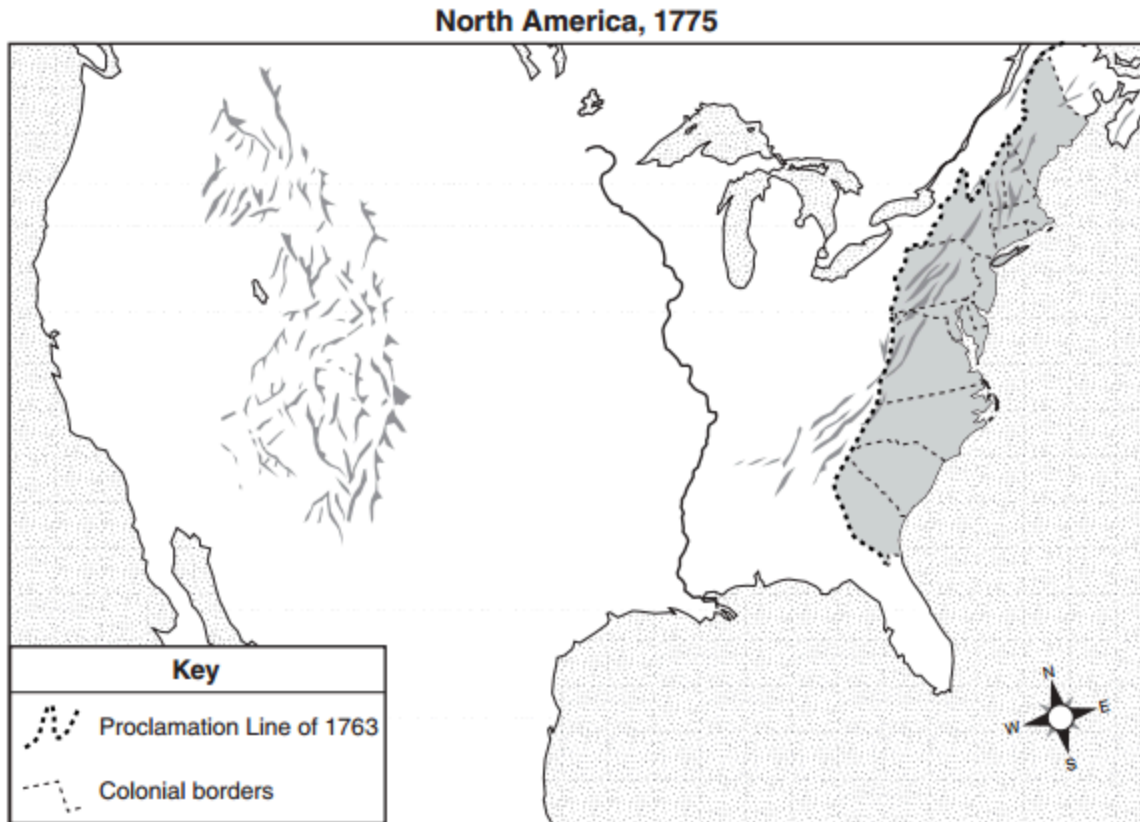
- 3) How did the American colonists respond to the Proclamation of 1763?

- 4) Was the Proclamation of 1763 enforced strongly? (Give one example from the video clip as evidence)

- 5) How did the Proclamation of 1763 unify colonists?

Geographical Context: Based on the information in the video and your knowledge of social studies, on the map below, label the following features:

- Appalachian Mountains
- Mississippi River
- Lands reserved for Indians (by the Proclamation of 1763)
- 13 Colonies



Source: *Exploring American History*, Globe Book Company (adapted)

Document Analysis: George Washington to William Crawford September 21, 1767 ([from Library of Congress](#))

Directions: Read the document below and answer the analysis questions that follow

1	I then desired the favour of you to look me out a Tract of about 1500, 2000, or more Acres somewhere in your Neighbourhood meaning only by this that it may be as neighboring to your own Settlement...A Tract to please me must be rich (of which no Person can be a better judge than yourself) and if possible to be good and level...
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5	The other matter of the Proclamation, just now hinted at and which I proposed in my last letter to join you in attempting to secure some of the most valuable Lands in the King's partition for Indians which I think may be accomplished after a while notwithstanding the Proclamation that restrains it at present and prohibits the Settling of them at all for I can never look upon that Proclamation in any other light than as a temporary expedient to quiet the Minds of the Indians and must fall apart in a few years especially when those Indians are consenting to our Occupying the Lands. Any person therefore who neglects the present opportunity of hunting out good Lands and in some measure marking and distinguishing them for their own (in order to keep others from settling them) will never regain it....
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Analysis Questions:

- 1) *Sourcing:* Is this a primary source about the Proclamation of 1763, or a secondary source?
- 2) *Close Reading:* According to lines 5-11, what views of the Proclamation did Washington express?
- 3) *Corroborate:* Does this document support the idea expressed in the video that colonists mostly ignored the Proclamation of 1763? *Cite evidence from this primary source document to support your claims.*
- 4) *Analysis:* George Washington was a military and political leader in the 13 colonies. If he expresses views such as these regarding the Proclamation of 1763, what does that suggest to you about how the rest of the colonists might have viewed this British rule?