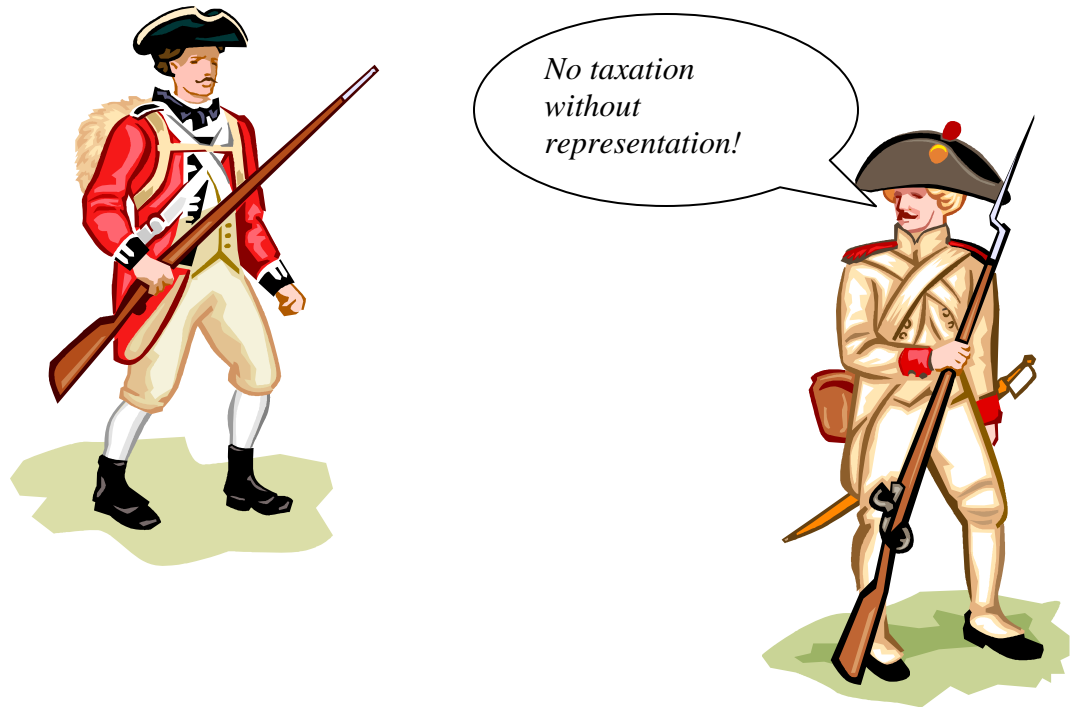


**Benchmark: Civics 1a**



**Brief Constructed Response Prompt:**

Why might our government expect its' citizens to pay taxes? Support your answer with an example.

**Possible Response(s):** Students may offer a variety of plausible responses.

The government expects its people to pay taxes so that it can meet its goals of fulfilling the purposes of government. If the people expect government to protect them, government needs funds to pay for police, armies, inspectors etc. Numerous examples of government services that people yearn for include the building of roads, construction of schools, disposal of waste, protection of borders etc..

It might also be pointed out that *elected* representatives levy taxes. Consequently, citizens have a responsibility to obey its authority.

**Rubric**

- 2** = This response gives a valid answer with an accurate and relevant explanation.
- 1** = This response gives a valid answer with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no explanation.
- 0** = inaccurate or no response