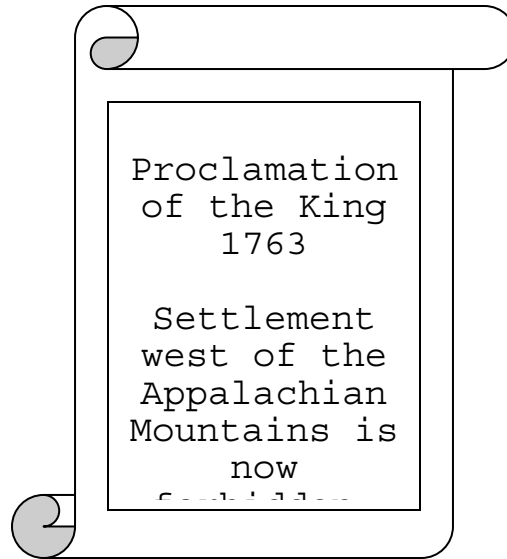


Benchmark: C1b



Brief Constructed Response Prompt:

Why might the American colonists have rejected the British structure of government?
Support your answer with evidence.

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

The American colonists may have rejected a unitary and parliamentary structure because their historical experiences with this structure led them to believe that it offers inadequate protections against tyranny. Unlike a federal structure, Britain's unitary structure offered few opportunities for local control and the colonists complained frequently that Parliament was out of touch with the interests of the colonists.

Rubric

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