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I. The colonists and the English could not have been reconciled.

A. Introduction

1. Two Interesting Facts That Create Setting

- a. The religious ideas of the Puritan pilgrims led them to create a form of government differing greatly from that of England and setting a norm that would be followed for many decades.
- b. The intellectual ideas from the Enlightenment led to a culture of questioning authority and eventually rebellions and/or boycotts.

2. Three Reasons

- a. The cultural differentiation between the two regions made it impossible for them to see each other's views.
- b. America's political representation tactics diverged from that of Britain, inciting conflict.
- c. The burden of England's economy was being placed on the colonists.

B. The Body

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a. During the English settling on the Americas, the first major governing document was the Mayflower Compact, written in 1620. It created a covenant style of government that made the governed need to hold the governing accountable for their way of rule through elections. This government style differed greatly from England, where the governing bodies were never held accountable, but it stuck in the colonies for many years, creating a cultural difference. ✓

b. These new governing styles were allowed to take hold in the colonies, partially because of the policy of neglect that was advised by Robert Walpole. Navigation Acts were not enforced to help trade growth and the only office that advised the colonies was the Board of Trade and Plantations, which ultimately led to England not being involved with the colonies for many years. ✓

c. The cultural divergence between the colonists and England grew immensely during the large-scale colonial movement called the Enlightenment. Scientific inquiry was more valued and colleges like King's College and the University of Pennsylvania were founded purely on secular grounds. This changed how colonists questioned the things around them, particularly authority. ✓

d. A policy of rebellion was already intact by the time the English introduced the Parliamentary Acts. For instance, the Paxton Boys, a group from western Pennsylvania, came to Philadelphia in 1763 demanding to be excused from taxes and given money from the colonial government to defend themselves against

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organization of ideas
clear analysis supported
by specific examples

Well phrased reason