

ALBANY PLAN OF UNION

1754

I. Facts and Concepts (3 pts total)

1. According to the introductory paragraph, what is the purpose of this document? (1)

2. Quote a phrase from the introductory paragraph that tells the colonies that the new plan will not interfere with their internal affairs. (1)

3. Read Section 1 and answer the following questions.

a. How is the president-general to be chosen? (1)

b. How are the representatives to the Grand Council to be chosen? (1)

4. According to Section 4, what is the length of a term of office on the Grand Council? (1)

5. Read Section 5 and answer the following questions. (1)

a. How is the number of representatives each colony sends to the Grand Council to be decided after the first three years the government is in effect?

b. Do you think this is a fair proposal? Why or why not? (1)

6. Read Section 6 and answer the following questions.

a. How often is the Grand Council supposed to meet in regular session? (1)

b. Who or what body has the power to call an emergency meeting of the Grand Council? (1)

7. Read Section 7 and answer the following questions.

a. Look up the word "prorogue" in a dictionary or history book and write down its meaning. (1)

b. What three things cannot be done to the Grand Council without its consent or a special command of the king or queen? (1)

8. Read Section 9 and answer the following questions.

a. In your own words, explain the meaning of the phrase "the assent of the President-General be requisite to all acts of the Grand Council." (1)

b. What is the main duty of the president-general? (1)

9. Sections 10, 11, and 12 give the Grand Council the power to do what five things in regard to Indians? (4)

(5)

10. Read Section 15 and answer the following questions.

a. What two military branches is the Grand Council allowed to create and support? (1)

b. Look up the word "impress" and write down its military meaning. (1)

11. What two powers does Section 16 give to the Grand Council? (1)

12. What does the phrase "each government" in Section 17 refer to? (1)

13. Read Section 20 and answer the following questions.

a. Look up "quorum" and write down its meaning. (1)

b. What number of representatives constitutes a quorum in the Grand Council? (1)

14. Read Section 21 and answer the following questions.

a. The laws of the colonial government must agree with the laws of what other country? (1)

b. Who has the final power to approve or disapprove of the laws passed by the Grand Council? (1)

(3) 15. Look back over the document and describe the three-step process by which a bill would become a law in the colonies. (1)

II. For Further Understanding

16. Who wrote the Albany Plan of Union? (1)

17. What events of 1754 led the members of the Albany Congress to believe that a plan of union was necessary? (1)

18. What happened to the Albany Plan? Why? (1)

19. Which of the three branches of today's U.S. government is not included in the Albany Plan? (1)

20. Section 22 provides that the Speaker of the Grand Council should succeed the president-general if the latter died. Who are the first five people in line to succeed the president of the U.S. now if he or she should die?

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