**Directions:** Read “Declaring Independence: A Break-Up Story.” Then, answer the questions that follow.

**Declaring Independence: A Break-Up Story**

1 Hey KG,

2 I’ve texted you a million times but you never answer me, so here I am

3 writing you a letter like it’s the 1700s. This isn’t easy to say- but things 4 just aren’t how they used to be. You never used to try to control me.

5 You’d let me do what I wanted and be my own person. Our relationship 6 worked for both of us. But lately, it’s like you want to be in charge of

7 everything I do. You’re always saying it’s to “protect me”, but honestly I 8 feel like you’re just taking advantage of me. You even try to decide how 9 I spend my money. The last straw was when you said I “owe you” for all 10 you’ve done for me.

11 I’ve tried to make this work, but all we do now is fight. A relationship is 12 only healthy when both people in it are happy. And trust me, I’m not

13 happy. That’s why it’s time for us to go our separate ways. It’s over, K.G. From, A.C. PS: Sorry I dumped your Snapple out into the river that one time, I was really mad.

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| 1. What is this “break-up letter” meant to represent? | 3. Who are “KG” and “AC”? |
| 2. Reread lines 3-5. Which British policy towards the colonies is this likely representing? | 4. Reread lines 8-10. Which British actions towards the colonies is this likely representing? |

**Questions**