

## Teaching with Primary Sources Lesson Outline

**Grade Level:** High School (9-10)

**Standard(s) or Objectives:** CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.9-10.1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.  
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.9-10.7: Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text.

### Library of Congress or Morris Special Collections Resources:



Benjamin Franklin, "Plan of Proposed Union (Albany Plan)," 1754.

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/creating-the-united-states/revolution-of-the-mind.html#obj2>

Specific page used:

[http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/creating-the-united-states/DeclarationofIndependence/RevolutionoftheMind/Assets/us0002\\_725.Jpeg](http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/creating-the-united-states/DeclarationofIndependence/RevolutionoftheMind/Assets/us0002_725.Jpeg)

### Topic Background:

Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790), America's consummate "wise man," was among the first to imagine a national confederation. In 1754, he proposed a union of American provinces at a conference of provincial delegates at Albany, New York, to better battle the French and their Indian allies. The Albany Plan, calling for proportional representation in a national legislature and a president general appointed by the King of Great Britain, served as a model for Franklin's revolutionary Plan of Confederation in 1775.

Excerpted from: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/creating-the-united-states/revolution-of-the-mind.html#obj2>

### Source(s) Used:

The source used for this assessment includes excerpts from Benjamin Franklin's Albany Plan, written in 1754. Within the plan, Franklin outlined the number of delegates that each of the 11 colonies would send to a proposed Grand Council, along with twenty-five statements concerning the need for such an assembly in the colonies during the French and Indian War.

### Answer Key:

Question 1: B  
Question 2: C

### Benjamin Franklin, “Plan of Proposed Union (Albany Plan),” 1754. [Excerpt]

1. That the said general government be administered by a President-General, to be appointed and supported by the crown; and a Grand Council, to be chosen by the representatives of the people of the several Colonies met in their respective assemblies.

2. That within -- months after the passing such act, the House of Representatives that happen to be sitting within that time, or that shall be especially for that purpose convened, may and shall choose members for the Grand Council, in the following proportion, that is to say,

Massachusetts Bay	7
New Hampshire	2
Connecticut	5
Rhode Island	2
New York	4
New Jersey	3
Pennsylvania	6
Maryland	4
Virginia	7
North Carolina	4
South Carolina	4
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3. -- who shall meet for the first time at the city of Philadelphia, being called by the President-General as soon as conveniently may be after his appointment.

4. That there shall be a new election of the members of the Grand Council every three years; and, on the death or resignation of any member, his place should be supplied by a new choice at the next sitting of the Assembly of the Colony he represented.

#### Questions:

- 1) Which phrase best explains the Albany Plan’s proposal of a President-General and Grand Council for the colonies? (CCSS-RH9-10.1)
  - a. “the said general government be administered by a President-General, to be appointed and supported by the crown.”
  - b. “Grand Council, to be chosen by the representatives of the people of the several Colonies.”
  - c. “the House of Representatives...may and shall choose members for the Grand Council.”
  - d. “there shall be a new election of the members of the Grand Council every three years.”
  
- 2) Which statement best explains the suggested numeric number of representatives in the Grand Council for each colony? (CCSS-RH9-10.7)
  - a. The number of representatives was based upon each colony’s relationship with the crown.
  - b. Franklin believed the number of representatives for each colony should change every 3 years.
  - c. The number of representatives was based upon each colony’s population.
  - d. The President-General chose the number of representatives for each colony.