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## Connecticut: A Case Study in Anti-Imperialism 1636-1776

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The sub-headings of the narrative are Imperialism, Mercantilism and the case study. Each section can be used separately.

### *SUGGESTED APPROACH:*

1. Students will read the section.
2. With teacher guidance the class will discuss the main idea of the reading.
3. The main idea is written on the board.
4. Students will work independently with the text.
5. On paper they can list details they find that support the main idea.
6. When the corrected papers are returned they can be used in a class discussion to reinforce comprehension.

### **LESSON III: CLASS PROJECT NEWSPAPER**

The newspaper is a suggested culminating activity. This project will reinforce and develop research, writing, art, decision making and creative skills. The newspaper can be an issue of the *Connecticut Courant* that would have been published in a specific year. Students can choose from the years 1763-1776. Copies of the original *Connecticut Courant* can be used as models for students. Articles can be written that illustrate the anti-British position of the *Courant*. Preparation of the articles can be done primarily at home. They will be checked by the teacher before they are printed. The organization of the paper can be decided upon by groups of students in the classroom. Students and the teacher can decide upon the best method for printing the paper.

A package of sixty-four first page facsimiles of the *Connecticut* and *Hartford Courant* for the years 1764-1976 is available from the *Hartford Courant, Historic Pages*, 285 Broad Street, Hartford, Conn. 06115, at a cost of \$3.00.

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\*\*\* Popular treatment

+ Scholarly, but readable

++ Scholarly and difficult

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