

Colonial America Political Cartoon Analysis

The Mercantilist Argument for Colonial Expansion



Source: Philip Dorf, *Our Early Heritage: Ancient and Medieval History*,
Oxford Book Company (adapted)

1. Define mercantilism. Compare the benefits the colonists received to the benefits the mother country of England received with this economic policy?
2. How important were the colonies to Europe with the system of mercantilism?
3. Explain the artist's message and symbolism in the *Mercantilist Argument for Colonial Expansion* political cartoon.
4. Does this political cartoon show any bias for mercantilism for the colonies or for the mother country? Explain