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1. Why does General Amherst want to deliberately send small pox to nearby tribes?

2. What opinion do the Paxton Boys have of Indians? Use examples from the text to answer.

3. How is Benjamin Franklin showing **tolerance** towards Indians in this paragraph?