

AP US I Summer assignment 2021

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WRITTEN RESPONSE 1: (25 pts.)

How, in the space of sixteen years-time, did American colonists go from serving their new king with “hearty and humble Affection” to pulling down a statue of him in an act of revolutionary defiance? What factors during this era led to this action? Since it’s mentioned in the excerpt, how might the British Constitution be relevant? Use your research skills to come up with a concise and succinct response.

Read the brief excerpt from author Alan Taylor and compare its contents to the image below.

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In 1760 in Boston, colonists gathered to hear a proclamation of a new king, George III. They vowed “all Faith and constant Obedience, with all hearty and humble Affection” and hoped that the monarch would have many happy Years to Reign over us.” The proclamation concluded with a resounding, “God save the King!” The crowd erupted in huzzahs, militiamen fired three volleys in the air, and the harbor fort discharged cannon. In the evening, bonfires blazed, fireworks lit up the skies, and candles illuminated the windows of the town. A Bostonian noted, “I have been here about sixteen years and I don’t know of one single man who would not [risk] his life and property to serve King George the Third.” Colonists rejoiced in the British constitution, which provided a benevolent monarchy to promote prosperity, defend their liberties, and protect the Protestant faith.

- Excerpted from Alan Taylor’s *American Revolutions: A Continental History, 1750-1804*



“Pulling Down the Statue of George III, by the ‘Sons of Freedom,’ at the Bowling Green, City of New York, July 1776” by Johannes A. Oertel, 1853.

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WRITTEN RESPONSE 2: (25 pts)

Each historical era we study begins with building historical context. Historical context refers to the investigation and analysis of a particular historical topic from the perspective of the time period during which it happened. One of the most common errors in studying history is strictly looking backward at historical events from a present-day point of view. Reliance on this approach precludes the ability to take into account the many variables that impact viewing these respective time periods within the timeframe of their occurrence.

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- 1) Read *American Revolutions* chapter 1 (Colonies), pgs. 12-53
- 2) Choose any FIVE of the nine topics discussed in the chapter. They are:
 - a. *Americas*
 - b. *Commerce*
 - c. *Coverture*
 - d. *Faiths*
 - e. *Constitution*
 - f. *Enemies*
 - g. *Wars*
 - h. *Reforms*
 - i. *Divisions*
- 3) Answer the following 6 questions for each of the FIVE topics you chose.
 - a. During what era of history did this time period take place? (i.e. dates, years, etc.)
 - b. What prior events impacted, influenced, or catalyzed the causation of this era/time period?
 - c. What major events, defining moments, or broader themes characterize this era/time period?
 - d. What impact did this time period have on the people who lived during it?
 - e. What lasting effects did this time period produce that impacted subsequent historical eras and/or can be seen in the contemporary world?
 - f. What lesson(s) can the world learn today from this period of history?
- 4) Answers must be complete, well-developed sentences. Some responses may be longer than others. Take information from the chapter as well as outside research that may relate to the topic. Be wary of the sources you utilize.

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WRITTEN RESPONSE 3: ESSAY (50 pts.)

This essay assesses your ability to apply knowledge of history in a complex, analytical manner; you must assert a strong, clearly developed thesis and supply a substantial amount of relevant evidence to support that thesis. It's up to you which historical evidence to include in your response. Some evidence from the chapter reading in Taylor will assist, but outside resources are necessary. Our school's database *Facts on File* is a reliable and useful source.

The length of the essay should be no less than four paragraphs, each of which should be well-developed and well-structured. Your thesis statement of course should appear at the end of the first paragraph.

Essay prompt:

While most American colonists came from the same nation, Great Britain, by 1750, the colonists had evolved into a myriad of cultures and lifestyles. Explain.