

Essay Questions:

1) British historian C. M. Brohan III has explained the outbreak of rebellion in the American colonies this way: "The Americans have spun themselves the myth that their so-called revolution was fought in defense of 'natural rights.' Rubbish! The only rights the rebels of 1775 cared about was the right to smuggle."

Assess the validity of Brohan's thesis.

2) "The British have it right: the so-called American Revolution was not a revolution, it was a war of independence. The rich white men who dominated colonial politics were the same rich white men who dominated American politics afterward." Assess the validity of this statement.

3) To what extent were the Articles of Confederation a successful basis for a national government?

4) "The British lost their American colonies because they won the Seven Years' War." Assess the validity of this statement.

5) "For the vast majority of inhabitants of British North America at the time, the American Revolution of 1775-1781 had no significant effect on their daily lives." Assess the validity of this statement.