

Essays – Exam #1

1. How democratic was Colonial America? Discuss at least three democratic and three undemocratic characteristics of Colonial America. Discuss documents and events that contributed to the growth of democracy in Colonial America. Evaluate the extent to which colonial society could be considered democratic by the standards of today and by the standards of the 17th and 18th centuries.
2. How did the French and Indian War affect the relationship between Great Britain and the colonies? In your response be sure to discuss the relationship before the war, why the war affected the relationship between the colonies and Britain, and the relationship after the war. How did this change in relationship help bring about the American Revolution?
3. Was the American Revolution justified? What did Jefferson believe was the function of government and when people were justified in overthrowing their government? Do you think the revolution was justified? In supporting your response, discuss at least three specific actions taken by Britain or the colonists during the period 1763-1776.