

Question 1: Short Answer Secondary Source**3 points****General Scoring Notes**

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- A** Briefly describe one major difference between Wilentz's and Bouton's historical interpretations of early United States politics. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- Wilentz claims that early United States politics proved more egalitarian than the Founders had wanted, while Bouton argues that elite men remained in positions of power after the Revolution.
- Wilentz argues that the influence of the Federalists on early United States politics diminished after the Election of 1800, whereas Bouton argues that Federalist ideals continued to shape the political system after the decline of the Federalists.
- Wilentz argues that the Jeffersonian ascendancy opened up the political system, while Bouton argues that elites sought to create a barrier against democracy.
- Wilentz argues that the rise of the Democratic-Republicans after 1800 helped the expansion of democracy, while Bouton argues that the Federalists' limitations on democracy were largely maintained.
- Source 1 argues that the Revolution created more opportunities for democratic participation, while Source 2 argues that the Revolution did not result in widespread democracy.

- B** Briefly explain how one event or development from 1789 to 1820 not directly mentioned in the excerpts could be used to support Wilentz's argument about early United States politics. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- The passage of the Bill of Rights shows how the new government protected the rights of individuals, which supports Wilentz's argument about growing democratic power.

- The expansion of suffrage to adult white men by states removing property restrictions on voting supports Wilentz's argument about the expansion of democracy in the United States.
- The gradual emancipation of enslaved people in some states supports Wilentz's argument about democratic ideals.

- C** Briefly explain how one event or development from 1789 to 1820 not directly mentioned in the excerpts could be used to support Bouton's argument about early United States politics. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- Bouton argues that elites retained most of the power in the federal government under the Constitution, and the Supreme Court decisions that established the primacy of the judiciary in deciding whether laws passed by elected officials were constitutional supports this claim.
- Most early political leaders and presidents were wealthy men, which supports Bouton's argument that the Revolution did not result in democratic change.
- After 1800 Democratic Republican leadership continued Federalist economic and political policies regarding a strong central government.
- The restriction on voting rights for women supports Bouton's argument that the Revolution did not immediately result in a fully democratic society.
- The framework of government established by the Constitution, including the Senate and the Electoral College, insulated elites from popular democratic influence.
- The continuation of slavery, despite the ideals of the Declaration of Independence, showed the limits of the American Revolution.

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A Briefly describe one political debate in British North America from 1763 to 1783. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- The end of the Seven Years' War spurred debates over whether colonists in British North America should be taxed to help pay for war debts.
- The Proclamation of 1763 contributed to political debates about westward expansion in British North America.
- The continued presence of British soldiers, who the colonists legally had to quarter according to British laws, resulted in increased political debates about the rights of colonists.
- Colonists debated whether they should declare independence or remain loyal to Great Britain.

B Briefly describe one effect of the ratification of the United States Constitution from 1789 to 1800. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- The Constitution created a new stronger central government for the United States.
- The ratification of the United States Constitution created lasting debates over states' rights versus federal power under the federalist system of government.
- The ratification of the United States Constitution led to debates about economic policies such as creating a national bank.
- The ratification of the Constitution resulted in the eventual addition of the Bill of Rights.
- The executive branch was created as a result of the ratification of the Constitution.
- The establishment of a new government under the Constitution led to the formation of political parties.

- The ratification of the Constitution created a new government that included the separation of powers.

C Briefly explain how one group responded to debates about federal government power from 1800 to 1840. **1 point**

Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:

- In response to states that passed laws that took power from the federal government, the Supreme Court asserted the power to strike down state laws through judicial review.
- Democratic-Republicans believed that the power of the federal government was too high, so they sought to return power back to the states through legislation.
- Loose constructionists called for the federal government to have more involvement in promoting economic development.
- Advocates of internal improvements claimed that the federal government had the power to promote economic development.
- Native Americans resisted the federal government's encroachment onto their sovereign lands.
- Jacksonian Democrats asserted the power of the federal government to enact tariffs.
- A growing antislavery movement pushed for the federal government to end United States participation in the transatlantic slave trade.

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- [a] Briefly describe one United States government policy from 1783 to 1840. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- The United States remained neutral during the war between Great Britain and France.
- The United States avoided permanent foreign alliances.
- The United States created a system for admitting new states through the Northwest Ordinance.
- The United States expanded west by purchasing Louisiana.
- The Missouri Compromise drew a line determining whether new states were free or slave states.
- The United States formed treaties with Native Americans in an attempt to gain control of more land.
- The federal government fought wars with Native American nations to gain control of more land.
- The federal government created the First National Bank.
- The federal government assumed the Revolutionary War debts of the states.
- Jefferson and Hamilton made a deal to place the national capital in Washington, D.C.

- [b] Briefly explain one similarity OR difference in how two groups responded to political change in the United States from 1783 to 1840. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- Democratic-Republicans and Democrats both resisted the centralization of the federal government.
- Black and White abolitionists opposed the expansion of slavery.
- The Federalist Party encouraged a stronger central government, while the Democratic-Republican Party supported a weaker central government.

- While some groups argued that slavery was protected by the Constitution, others sought to limit its growth or end it altogether.
- Advocates for western expansion championed efforts to use federal power to forcibly remove Native Americans, while Native Americans and others resisted their efforts through warfare and the court system.
- The Democratic Party formed to oppose federal involvement in the economy, while the Whig Party formed to encourage government promotion of economic development.
- As immigration to the United States grew, recent immigrants from Ireland and Germany attempted to preserve elements of their language and culture, while nativists tried to limit immigrants' political power.

- [c] Briefly explain how one historical development from 1840 to 1860 contributed to regional divisions. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- The growing power of the abolition movement in the North contributed to political conflict with the South.
- The Compromise of 1850 increased sectional tensions over government protections for slavery.
- The Kansas-Nebraska Act increased sectional tension and led to Bleeding Kansas.
- The passage of the Fugitive Slave Act intensified Northern abolitionists' opposition to Southern measures to protect and expand slavery.
- The Mexican-American war intensified regional divisions on whether slavery should be allowed to expand into western territories.
- Southern states seceded from the United States following the election of Abraham Lincoln.

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- (A) Briefly describe one major difference between Gordon-Reed's and Breen's interpretations of the American Revolution. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- Gordon-Reed mainly looks at the impact of the Revolution on African Americans, but Breen focuses on ordinary colonists without power.
- Gordon-Reed argues that the Revolution did not live up to its perceived goals for African Americans, whereas Breen argues that the Revolution resulted in significant social change.
- Breen argues that the American Revolution resulted in many people actually having new opportunities to improve their situation, while Gordon-Reed argues that enslaved African Americans hoped that talk of liberty would spread during the Revolution.

- (B) Briefly explain how one specific event or development from 1763 to 1800 not explicitly mentioned in the excerpts could be used to support Gordon-Reed's interpretation. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- Gordon-Reed's argument about African Americans' hope that talk of liberty would spread is evident in calls for abolition during and after the American Revolution.
- The Declaration of Independence inspired many African Americans in northern states to petition state governments for freedom.
- The contradiction between revolutionaries' calls for freedom and the existence of slavery led to the formation of antislavery organizations such as the Pennsylvania Abolition Society.

Examples that earn this point might include the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided:

- Negotiations related to the three-fifths clause
- Constitutional provision to allow the abolition of the international slave trade
- Growing regional divide over slavery

- Passage of Northwest Ordinance
- African Americans fighting in the Revolution

- (C) Briefly explain how one specific event or development from 1763 to 1800 not explicitly mentioned in the excerpts could be used to support Breen's interpretation. **1 point**

Examples that earn this point include the following:

- The Patriot cause was supported by laborers and colonial leaders through various protests, which supports Breen's argument that the Revolution contributed to greater opportunity.
- The Declaration of Independence challenged the status quo by asserting the political rights of citizens, which inspired many to support the Patriot cause and the creation of the United States.

Examples that earn this point might include the following, if appropriate elaboration is provided:

- The development of republican motherhood
- The ideas in Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*
- Participation in political parties
- Bill of Rights
- Federalist and Anti-Federalist debates
- Various political activities, such as protests, boycotts, and resistance to taxes

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