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**An Emerging “American” Identity?**

**Introduction**: Last class, we looked at how the economic relationship between Britain and its colonies developed and changed during the 17th and (first half of the) 18th centuries. Today, consider the cultural changes that were taking place in the colonies in this same era as they are posed in the essay question below. Use your reading from Chapter 4 in *A People & A Nation* (as well as other internet and text sources) to develop your ideas on the chart. Then, create a thesis statement that would answer the essay question based on the inferences you draw in the chart.

**Potential essay question**:

*As the British North American colonies developed during the first half of the eighteenth century, how did they at once retain identity as Britons and as Americans? Explain how the colonists at once retained British cultural traits and developed new ones.*

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| **Event/Development** | **Inference** (conclusion based on fact that would help you answer the essay question) |
| Population growth   * Immigration from Europe * Birthrate in the colonies |  |
| Religious identities   * The Great Awakening |  |
| Socioeconomic structures   * Middle class growth * Material goods * Class differences * Regulator Movement |  |
| Expansion of slavery   * Stono Rebellion * New York Conspiracy |  |
| Relations with neighbors   * Native Americans * Spanish colonies * French colonies |  |
| Philosophical and scientific developments   * The Enlightenment in the colonies * Printing presses |  |

**Potential thesis statement** (for the essay prompt on the front):

**3 specific topics that you could discuss to support that thesis** (think body paragraph topics):

1.

2.

3.