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Comparing Historical Arguments: The American Revolution

As we’ve discussed in class, when historians try to answer BIG questions about history (such as “what caused the American Revolution”) they often see the events through a personal bias or point of view. To see how arguments about the American Revolution have been formed over the years, read the section called “Revolutionary Origins” on page 164 of *A People & A Nation*. Then, look at the three arguments presented by Historians A, B, and C and try to identify the perspectives offered by each.

**Historian A**

Does Historian A focus most on **social, political,** or **economic** factors as causes for the Revolution?

Examples?

Does Historian A see the Revolution more as a fundamentally liberal (i.e. seeking to change existing structures of power) or conservative (i.e. seeking to preserve existing structures of power) event? Explain your reasoning.

**Historian B**

Does Historian A focus most on **social, political,** or **economic** factors as causes for the Revolution?

Examples?

Does Historian A see the Revolution more as a fundamentally liberal (i.e. seeking to change existing structures of power) or conservative (i.e. seeking to preserve existing structures of power) event? Explain your reasoning.

**Historian C**

Does Historian A focus most on **social, political,** or **economic** factors as causes for the Revolution?

Examples?

Does Historian A see the Revolution more as a fundamentally liberal (i.e. seeking to change existing structures of power) or conservative (i.e. seeking to preserve existing structures of power) event? Explain your reasoning.