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**American History Honors**

Mr. Broach, 2006-2007

**DUE: Friday, September 8, 2006 by 3:00 PM**

*Paper Assignment 1 (Free-Response)*

*The American Revolution*

**Instructions:**

In a paper format, address the following topic:

*To what extent was the American Revolution inevitable?*

In addressing this topic, the following areas should be considered:

- The “coming of age” of the colonies
- British mercantilism: Navigation Acts 1651, Dominion of New England, salutary neglect (causes/effects/etc)
- Growing colonial independence
- French and Indian War and the return to mercantilist policies 1763-1775

**Format:**

Your paper should include:

- A clear thesis (or main idea) that tells whether or not you believe the Revolution was inevitable and a clear introduction that indicates how you will support this argument;
- Supporting paragraphs that include **evidence** and **analysis**;
- A conclusion that effectively wraps-up the argument without being repetitive;
- A works cited page in proper MLA format.

Other requirements:

- All sources should be cited **in-text** and on the **works cited page**. Any information gained from an outside source, whether quoted or not, must be properly cited.
- Margins should be set at 1” on all four sides;
- Standard fonts should be used and set at a rating of 10-12 points (no higher);
- The paper should be at least three (3) full pages, typed and double-spaced, and no more than six (6) pages.
- **Spelling/Grammar:** You are expected as a junior student in an honors course to write well. Proofread!

**Sources:**

As a “free-response” paper assignment, the only required source (other than your own knowledge) is the textbook. However, you may choose to do outside research if you believe it will benefit your overall argument.

**Grading Rubric:**

Item	Score Received/Notes (0-10)
Paper contains a clear thesis and introduction	
Supporting paragraphs provide ample evidence to support argument (also address above listed topics)	
Supporting paragraphs provide analysis on how the evidence relates to the argument (significance, cause/effect, etc)	
Conclusion is clear and effective	
Proper paper format (including citations)	

**Total Points (0-50) \_\_\_\_\_ x 2 = Raw Score \_\_\_\_\_ - # of spelling/grammar errors ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) =**

**Final Paper Score: \_\_\_\_\_**