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Period: 1 2 3 5

PERSIA for the American Colonies

Describe the culture that existed in the American colonies *prior to* the American Revolution.

Political Structure

- Who was in charge? What types of government existed at this time?
- What role did the people have in their own governance?
- What political rights did people have?
- Who were the important leaders or elite individuals?

Economic Practices

- What were the main types of trade, commerce, or industry?
- What were the roles played by men, women, children, or minorities in the economy?
- What important technology or inventions necessary for trade were being used?
- How was the government involved with the economy?

Religious Beliefs/Traditions

- What were the beliefs that were held by the majority of people?
- Were other religious views tolerated?
- How did religious beliefs impact society?
- How was the government or economy connected with religious beliefs?

Social Practices

- What social classes existed and was movement possible between classes? (*Was it an authoritarian, deference, or egalitarian society? Other?*)
- What role did men, women, children, or minorities play in the family or society?
- What inequalities existed?
- What was life for the average person like? What did people do for fun?

Intellectual/Artistic Pursuits

- Was education available, and if so, to whom?
- What new or important literature, art, music, or philosophy came from this time period and area?
- Who were the important innovators during this time?

Area (Geography)

- What geographic locations were important during this time?
- What drew people to this area?
- How did ideas reach this region or spread to other regions from here?
- How did the geography of this area impact human activity?
- How did human activity impact the environment in this region? (+/-)

