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# AS HISTORY

## The Birth of the USA, 1760–1776

Paper 2G

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**ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER**

1 hour 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is **2G**.
- Answer **two** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01  
In **Section B** answer **either** 02 **or** 03

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
    - 50 minutes on Section A
    - 40 minutes on Section B.
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**Section A**Answer Question 01

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**Source A**

Adapted from Thomas Hutchinson, **Strictures Upon the Declaration of the Congress at Philadelphia, 1776**. He was a Loyalist who had been Governor of Massachusetts (1771–74) and went into exile in Britain in 1774.

I wish I could ask the Delegates of Maryland, Virginia, and the Carolinas how their Constituents justify the depriving of more than an hundred thousand Africans of their rights to liberty and the pursuit of happiness and in some degree to their lives, if these rights are so absolutely unalienable. I will not attempt to disprove the absurd notions of government or to expose the inconclusive terms contained in this Declaration; but rather to show the false representation made of the facts which are alleged to be the evidence of injustices and the motives to Rebellion. There are many of them, with designs left unclear; for when they are developed, instead of justifying, they rather magnify the criminality of this Revolt.

**Source B**

Adapted from **The Massachusetts Spy** (A highly political weekly paper), July 25<sup>th</sup> 1776

On Monday last a number of patriotic gentlemen of this town, animated with a love of their country and to show their approval of the measures lately taken by the Grand Council of America, assembled on the green near the Liberty Pole where, after having displayed the colors of the Thirteen Confederate Colonies of America, the bells were set a-ringing and the drums a-beating, after which the Declaration of Independency of the United States was read to a large and respectable body (among whom were the Selectmen and Committee of Correspondence) assembled on the occasion, who testified their approval by repeated huzzas, firing of musketry and cannon, bonfires and other demonstrations of joy.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the reaction to the Declaration of Independence.

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03

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**EITHER**

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'The American Colonists continued to have a good relationship with Britain, in the years 1760 to 1763.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**OR**

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'The most significant resistance to the Townshend Acts came from reform movements from below, in the years 1767 to 1770.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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