**Colonial Society on the Eve of Revolution, 1700­1775**

***Outline/Questions/Terms***

**Focus Questions:**

1. How democratic was colonial American society? Why was it apparently becoming less equal?
2. How were the various occupations and activities of colonial America related to the nature of the economy? Why were such occupations as lawyer, printer, and artisan taking on greater importance?
3. What were the causes and effects of the Great Awakening? How did such an intense religious revival affect those who experienced conversion as well as those who did not?
4. How did the Great Awakening help to create a sense of shared American identity?
5. In what ways was colonial life attractive, and in what ways would it seem tedious and dull to the average twenty­first century American? How were the educational, cultural, and leisured sides of colonial life affected by the basic nature of the economy?
6. To what degree was a unique American nationality developing in the eighteenth­century colonies? Were regional differences in the colonies growing more pronounced or retreating in the eighteenth century?
7. What shaped how ordinary colonists thought? What were the important sources of influence on an ordinary colonist? Did England control these sources or did the colonists?

**\*Contextualization:** ​The authors claim that by 1775 “democratic seeds, planted in rich soil, were to bring forth a lush harvest in later years.” As you read this chapter, identify the ways that the Great Awakening and colonial forms of government provided the context for the roots of democracy in colonial society.

***\*Read Expanding Varying Viewpoints pp. 98­99. ​***Then respond to the following prompt:

a. Where do the viewpoints agree concerning eighteenth­century society and where do they disagree?

**III. Historical Literacy: Need To Know Terms (DEFINE THEM)**

Paxton Boys

Regulator Movement

South Carolina slave revolt

Triangular Trade

Poor Richard’s Almanac

Molasses Act

Great Awakening

Old lights

New lights

Zenger Trial/Andrew Hamilton

royal colonies/proprietary colonies

Michel­Guillaume Jean de Crevecoeur

Arminianism

Jonathan Edwards

George Whitefield

John Trumbull

John Singleton Copley

Phillis Wheatley

professions: medicine, religion, law