**Unit 2 Free Response Essay**

**Sample thesis to address prompt #3:**

**“To what degree did the American Revolution bring about social, political and economic change in the former colonies?”**

**No!!!!**

**“The American Revolution happened in 1776. Nathanael Greene was one general. Benedict Arnold was another one. George Washington, too. He rode a white horse, had wooden teeth and he couldn’t tell a lie.”**

**OK**

**“The American Revolution brought about political, social and economic changes.”**

**Yes**

**“The American Revolution did bring about significant changes in social arrangements, political representation, and economic opportunity, but fell far short of its lofty promises of equality and freedom.”**

**Subtopic Paragraph on economic opportunity**

* **Change = Westward settlement, Land Ordinance, Northwest Ordinance, etc.**
* **Fell short = Taxes squeezed veterans (Shays’ Rebellion), property requirements for voting were lowered but not eliminated**