

## **Exam #1**

Fall, 2025

### **Part 2: Essay (10 points)**

*In essay form, respond to the prompt below. Essays should have a thesis and well-developed argument with supporting evidence. A one-sentence thesis statement (in lieu of a lengthier introductory paragraph) is perfectly acceptable. Complete answers should integrate material from the textbook, lecture, and historical documents.*

Which of the major “schools” of interpretation of the American Revolution is most convincing to you and why? Defend your answer using specific examples derived from readings and lecture. Your answer should also address what you see as the main deficiency in one or more of the other “schools” of interpretation.