Module 03: A Revolution for Whom?

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The documents below demonstrate some of the ways in which the American Revolution influenced the lives of African Americans, women, poor men, dissenters, and non-Protestants. The documents in the first section focus on individual African Americans, the status of African Americans in general, and the institution of slavery in the new United States. The second section focuses on white women and the extent to which the Revolution did or did not change their social and legal status. The documents in the last two sections explore how the Revolution affected the rights and social status of poor men in the United States and of men and women who did not belong to the dominant Protestant faiths.

A Revolution for African Americans?

1. Lord Dunmore's Proclamation
   November 7, 1775

2. Memoirs of Boston King
   The Methodist Magazine: March, April 1798

3. Alexander Hamilton Supports the Use of Black Soldiers
   Letter to John Jay: March 14, 1779

4. The Town of Sutton Responds to Massachusetts's Draft Constitution
   May 18, 1778

5. Pennsylvania's Gradual Emancipation Action
   1780

6. Petition From Amelia County, Virginia
   November 10, 1785

A Revolution for Women?

7. Cartoon: A Society of Patriotic Ladies
   Edenton, North Carolina, 1775

8. Abigail Adams to John Adams
   March 31, 1776

9. John Adams to John Sullivan
   May 26, 1776

10. New Jersey Voting Act
    1790
A Revolution for Poor Men?

13. Alexander Hamilton Links Property to Voting
   The Farmer Refuted: 1775
15. The Town of Lenox Responds to Massachusetts' Draft Constitution
   1778
17. A Pennsylvania Watchman
   Pennsylvania Packet: June 10, 1776

A Revolution for Dissenters and Non-Protestants?

19. Massachusetts' Declaration of Rights
   1780
21. Petition of the Philadelphia Synagogue
   December 23, 1783
23. Virginia's Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom
   1786