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Option 1A: The USA, Independence to Civil War, 1763–1865

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Sources for use with Section A.

Source 1: From a letter written by George Washington to James Madison, 5 November 1786. At this time Washington was retired from public life.

I have just received a letter with information about the situation in Massachusetts. It is full of troubling information about the anger and demands of a considerable part of the people. The letter says that there are about twelve or fifteen thousand men, mainly young, desperate and unprincipled, involved in the rebellion. 5

Without some alteration in our political beliefs, the political structure we have been building for seven years, at the expense of so much blood and money, will fall. We are fast moving towards anarchy and confusion.

How sad it is that, in so short a space of time, we should have made such large steps towards fulfilling the prediction of the British. They said that, if we were left to govern ourselves, our government would soon disintegrate. Should not the wise and good amongst us work hard to avoid this evil? What stronger evidence is there of the lack of energy in our governments than these disorders? If no power exists to stop these disorders what security does a man have for life, liberty and property? The consequences of a lazy or inefficient government are too obvious to be dwelt on. Thirteen separate states pulling against each other and all challenging the federal government will soon bring ruin to all of us. However, a liberal and energetic Constitution, well-drafted and closely monitored, might restore to us the reputation for good government to which we once had a fair claim. 10
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Source 2: From a letter written by Thomas Jefferson to James Madison, 30 January 1787. Jefferson, at this time, was US ambassador to France.

I am impatient to learn your thoughts on the recent troubles in Massachusetts. So far as I have yet seen they do not appear to threaten serious consequences. Massachusetts has been recently suffering economically and this has made money scarce and the people uneasy. This uneasiness has produced acts of rebellion which are completely unjustifiable. However, I hope that they will not provoke a severe reaction from the state governments. The belief that man needs only a government based on force is a conclusion not founded in truth or experience. 25

I believe that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the natural world. Even this evil can lead to good as it produces a general attention to public affairs and prevents the corruption of government. Indeed, unsuccessful rebellions often lead to government addressing the problems which produced these rebellions in the first place. An understanding of this should lead to honest governors punishing these rebellions mildly, so as not to discourage them too much. Rebellion is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government. 30
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