Zinn Chapter 5

1. What made the victory over the British possible at the time of the revolution? How does this issue bubble up still?
2. What was one of the major obstacles the colonists would have in fighting the Revolution according to Zinn?
3. Who was excluded from the military?
4. How did the military provide opportunity?
5. How did the upper class use war to keep order?
6. How did the people’s economic situation vary during the war?
7. How were the rich officers favored in Morris’ plan? What almost happened because of it?
8. Why did the southern lower classes resist enlistment?
9. How did some of the state constitutions allow the voice of more people?
10. What is Degler’s comment about the Revolution and classes?
11. What did the Revolution mean to Natives?
12. What is Pontiac’s Conspiracy?
13. What was the assumption of the Americans after the French Indian War?
14. What experience did African and African Americans have during the Revolution? How did it differ North and South?
15. How did the Revolution give African Americans some power?
16. What was Beard’s feelings about the what the rich need to do with power?
17. Who was not included in the Constitution?
18. What two reasons did the US need a strong central government?
19. What was the Regulator movement?
20. What was Shay’s Rebellion?
21. What do these rebellions show about the issues that faced a new government?
22. Why did Jefferson say that some of the rebellions were healthy?
23. What did Hamilton suggest for elections? Even though Congress did not agree with him, how did they limit power?
24. What do some people feel the Constitution a compromise between?
25. How does the Constitution reflect the complexity of the American System according to Zinn?
26. How did the Bill of Rights change the appeal of the Constitution? Why?
27. How has the freedom of speech been challenged in our country? Why?
28. Who does Hamilton feel the government should ally itself with? Why?