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## 18th Century Colonial Society

**Focus Questions:** What evidence exists that colonial British America was becoming uniquely American in the 18th century?

Gary Nash argued that “by the 18th century, the colonists had transformed the European attitudes and social structures they had brought with them into something uniquely American.” At each station, look for evidence that supports Nash’s claim that colonial society was “uniquely American.” However, other historians argue that the British colonies experienced a gradual Anglicization over time, arguing that involvement in the Atlantic World and transatlantic exchanges made colonists increasingly British. Today you will find evidence to support both sides of this argument.

Anglicized (Becoming English)	Uniquely American

**Prompt:** The political, economic and cultural exchanges within the ‘Atlantic world’ led to the increasing Anglicization of colonial society by 1750. Support, modify or refute this

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**interpretation, providing specific evidence to justify your answer. Below are some examples of what each option might look like:**

Support: The British-American colonies reflected the political, social and/or economic values of England because...

Modify: Although the British-American colonies borrowed heavily/were heavily influenced by their transatlantic connections to England, they \_\_\_\_\_ because...

Refute: By 1750, the British-American colonies had developed a uniquely American society because...