

**Q1. American Revolution transformed Europe along with America. Throw light on this statement.**

**Ans:** American Revolution did not simply affect American colonies but also contemporary Europe. In both the regions, through strengthening the power of middle class the Revolution paved the way for future change.

After the revolution, American countries got freedom and it underwent a phase of reformulation and transformation in following manner–

- In 1789 at Philadelphia, American constitution was framed and USA became the first nation to adopt a written constitution.
- USA emerged to be the first modern republic.
- USA was the first nation to experiment with federal model of the government.
- Although there was no provision for universal adult suffrage but it gave a serious jolt to aristocrats and privileged section and it implicitly recognized the primacy of the people as preamble of the American constitution starts with the statement '*we the people of America .....*'.
- Last but not the least, after 1791, USA became the first nation to introduce the right to conscience as a fundamental right.

In the same manner, American Revolution transformed Europe in following manner–

- It strengthened European middle class and encouraged democratic process and republican ideas.
- American Revolution gave ideological support to French Revolution which transformed Europe.
- It encouraged the process of democratisation of British Parliament as well.

In this way, American Revolution transformed America and Europe both.

**Q2. American Civil War proved a major step in the direction of completing unfinished agenda of American Revolution. Examine the statement.**

**Ans:** It is irony in history that even the destructive event like American Civil War could produce constructive impact on USA. It could work as a corollary to American Revolution in following manner–

- **Extension of the declaration of freedom–**  
In fact, this declaration was not applicable to slaves but American Civil War expanded it to and enforced it even in context of slaves. For example, slavery was abolished on the basis of 13th constitutional amendments and slaves were conferred civil and political rights.
- **Strengthening of American Federation –**  
In American federation some sort of imbalance was being created due to growing weightage of slave states in Lower Chamber i.e. House of Representatives. But abolition of slavery corrected the situation as it ended the dichotomy between slave states and the free states.
- **As a capitalist movement–** Civil War ended economic division of USA as well. USA was divided between industrial North and agrarian South. But after the abolition of slavery, the plantation agriculture of southern America received a major setback, so even southern states also moved for industrialization. Furthermore, construction of railways, Highways, Super Highways etc. became easy during post-civil war era.

Thus, American Civil War can be characterized the second American Revolution.

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