**Analysis activity 10.2: Quotation timeline**

1. Select four or five events from the American Revolution in chronological order. Your task is to find some further interpretations of events by historians.

1. Ensure they come from competing historical schools of thought.

1. Research their work on the internet and then source their published works at a school, public or university library (sometimes works are also published on the internet).

1. Use the index of topics at the back of the book to find the topic or issue.

1. Read the section to gain the most relevant quote (you don’t have to read the entire book!). Select and copy out the quote. Note that you can always shorten the quote to distil it to its most relevant form. Use an ellipsis (…) to indicate missing words and square brackets to insert your own words to make disconnected phrases grammatical (see the tables above for examples).

1. Use the suggested table structure below. Fill in the table with the quotes you’ve collected and your own interpretation of each historian’s viewpoint.

1. Gather two differing views on each major event or issue within the timeline. Also include some views on a few significant individuals or leaders. Federalists and Anti-Federalists are your starting points.

Suggested study table headings:

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| Name of event/date | School of thought/interpretation | Historian | Quote | Your explanation |
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