Benchmark: History 3 – Students will explain why historical accounts of the same event sometimes differ and will relate this explanation to the evidence presented or the point-of-view of the author.

Patriot Benjamin Franklin – thinks colonists have the ability to govern themselves and that Britain made unfair laws.

Loyalist Jonathan Boucher – thinks colonists had a duty to obey British laws to make life safer and better for themselves.

Brief Constructed Response Prompt: The English government passed a law that placed a tax on tea that colonists imported from England. Choose one of the leaders above. Tell what his position on the tax would be. Explain your answer.

Desired Response(s):

Franklin opposes
Franklin opposes
Boucher supports
Boucher supports

Patriot – colonies should pass own laws
Patriot – laws are not fair to colonists
Loyalist – colonists must obey the laws
Loyalist – colonists must help King make life better for all

Rubric

2 = This response gives a valid position with an accurate and relevant explanation.
1 = This response gives a valid position with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no explanation.
0 = inaccurate or no response