DBQ Document Analysis Worksheet

You have been assigned a DBQ essay on the following question:

In what ways and to what degree do the First and Second Great Awakening movements in American History represent a response to growing liberalism in American thought?

You have brainstormed what you remember about the time period, scanned the documents and developed the following thesis statement:

Though it is true that the American Revolution was driven by Enlightenment principles, the First and Second Great Awakening movements represent a strong continuity of conservatism in American history, evident in the religious influence on education, political discourse and private moral thought in public reform.

The documents for your DBQ response include the one on the reverse of this page. Using the information above and that document, answer the following:

- 1. In which category of analysis (main point) in the thesis statement does this document fit best as a piece of evidence?
- 2. Explain how this document supports the general assertion of the thesis statement.
- 3. Use either the Historical Context, Audience, Purpose or Point of View of the document in support of the category of analysis you identified in question 1.

4. What other historical facts from another time or broader perspective can you recall that are related to this document AND to the thesis assertion? Choose one and explain the relationship.