

**Extension Task Directions**  
**Loyalist Side**

You have been asked to research the American Revolution from the point of view of a Loyalist/Tory to answer the following debate question:

**Was the Revolutionary War a war for freedom or a war of treason?**

Investigate the Loyalist stance on the following:

King George as a ruler

Paying taxes

The meaning of  
freedom and loyalty

**Resources for Research**

- Texts read in class and notes taken during class
- A Timeline of the Revolutionary War:  
<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/revolutionarywartimeline.htm>
- Chronicle of the Revolution from *Liberty!*: <http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/chronicle.html>
- Quotes about American Revolution: <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/american-revolution>
- American Revolution Quotations:  
<http://alphahistory.com/americanrevolution/american-revolution-quotations/>
- Loyalists, Fence-sitters, and Patriots: <http://www.ushistory.org/us/11b.asp>
- Loyalists During the American Revolution:  
<http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/outlines/history-1994/the-road-to-independence/loyalists-during-the-american-revolution.php>
- Loyalist (American Revolution): <http://www.redcoat.me.uk/loyalists.htm>
- The Loyalists: <http://www.ushistory.org/us/13c.asp>

**Additional Expectations**

- **Include firsthand accounts:** We have learned in this unit that people's firsthand accounts are important when studying historical events. As such, be prepared during the debate to include the following quotation from Loyalist Isaach Wilkins with an explanation:

"I leave America, and every endearing connection, because I will not raise my hand against my Sovereign—nor will I draw my sword against my Country."

—Isaac Wilkins, Loyalist, 1775

- **Keep a list of sources:** As you research, be sure to cite evidence from texts and keep a list of sources (where you found the information).
- **Create questions to ask the Patriot side:** Prepare to engage in a debate to present the Loyalist side in answer to the debate question. Create questions to ask the Patriot side during the debate, which will help express your opinion.

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Use these pages to take notes during your research in answer to the question: Was the Revolutionary War a war for freedom or a war of treason?

“I leave America, and every endearing connection, because I will not raise my hand against my Sovereign—nor will I draw my sword against my Country.”

—Isaac Wilkins, Loyalist, 1775

What does this quotation mean?

Isaac Wilkins was a Loyalist that encouraged citizens to reconcile and remain loyal with Great Britain. Through his words, he explains that he will leave America because he refuses to stand against his “Sovereign,” which is King George and Great Britain. He will not betray his country and help America fight against Great Britain.

**Research Notes**

What do the Loyalists think of King George as a ruler?	Source
The Loyalists believed that King George had the right to rule the colonies and that he was fair.	<i>If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution</i>
Several Loyalists joined the British military simply because of their loyalty to King George. They would forever be loyal to the Crown.	“Loyalists, Fence-sitters, and Patriots”
Because of Great Britain’s defeat of the French and the Indians in the French and Indian War, Loyalists supported King George. They knew that with his strong military, they would remain safe.	“A Timeline of the Revolutionary War”

What do the Loyalists think of paying taxes?	Source
<p>Loyalists did not mind paying taxes. In fact, they continued to drink tea throughout the war and buy products from Great Britain. They even had a secret code in order to identify with other Loyalists.</p>	<p><i>If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution</i></p>
<p>Loyalists were friends of the government, and they believed that the taxes and laws were fair.</p>	<p><i>If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution</i></p>
<p>Loyalists realized that paying taxes helped to pay for the French and Indian War. They remained loyal to Great Britain and paying taxes because they believed that paying taxes helped to keep them safe.</p>	<p>“A Timeline of the Revolutionary War”</p>

What do the Loyalists think of freedom and loyalty?	Source
<p>Loyalists believed that they would be better in regards to their freedom under British rule. They felt that a government run by rich Patriots would be worse. Several Loyalists joined the British army in order to keep their freedom.</p>	<p><i>If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution</i></p>
<p>Loyalists were extremely supportive and loyal to Great Britain. During the war, the Loyalists were the eyes and ears for Great Britain since they knew the land. They provided important information and gave them supplies like food, shelter, and local supplies.</p>	<p><i>If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution</i></p>

Loyalists appreciated the freedom that they were already accustomed to. Most of them were peaceful and had to leave their “freedom” behind because they were subject to the Patriots’ ridicule. Much of their property was vandalized and looted, and they face constant backlash from the Patriots.

“Loyalists, Fence-sitters, and Patriots”

Create 2-3 questions to ask the Patriot side.

- How can you have representation in Parliament when it is so far away?
- If there were no taxes, how could we pay for the French and Indian War, which protected you?
- Do you believe that it is best to have a strong and unified Britain?
- How and who will you trade with?
- Who among you is capable of running a stable government, and how will he or she do it?