

Loyalist, Patriot or Neutralist

Directions: Each scenario will have a short story about a colonist. Determine if the colonist is a Loyalist, Patriot or Neutralist. For each colonist provide a reason for why they are a Loyalist, Patriot or Neutralist. Write your answers in your notebook

Colonist A

Colonist A is a wealthy merchant who has served as a politician in New York. He comes from an old American family that has longstanding ties with England. Many of the new acts have begun to affect his business. However, he still is able to continue his lavish lifestyle.

Colonist B

Colonist B is a free black man who works at the shipping docks. He has heard and witnessed many arguments and confrontations about the different acts that England has imposed on the colonies. Colonist B decided long ago to keep his head down, keep working, and stay out of it. Recently a few of his colleagues have been let go due to declining business from the recent acts passed by Parliament. Colonist B is worried that his job may be next.

Colonist C

Colonist C is a lawyer who lives in Western New York right on the border of Iroquois territory. Colonist C is frequently worried about the possibility of Native American attack and supports the **Proclamation of 1763** because he is aware of the danger of crossing into Native territory. Colonist C worries about his family and the dangers of the colonies going to war with England.

Proclamation of 1763: Stopped colonists from settling in Native American lands

Colonist D

Colonist D is an enslaved African on a plantation in South Carolina. His masters treat him well, and he is able to stay with his wife and child. He has heard rumors that the British have offered freedom to any enslaved person with a Rebel master. He has also heard his master openly complain about the effect taxes are having on his plantation.

Colonist E

Colonist E owns a printing press in Boston, Massachusetts. Business had been going very well for him until the Stamp Act was passed. He was relieved when it was repealed and then became anxious when more acts were passed by Parliament. He has also been getting threats from British soldiers in Boston about some of the articles he has published. He recently had to close down his printing press, but there are rumors that he is renting it to people during the night.

Independent Work

Directions: Read each document. Use evidence from the documents to determine if the colonist is a Loyalist, Patriot or Neutralist. Explain why the colonist is a Loyalist, Patriot or Neutralist.

Document 1: Joseph Galloway

Context: Joseph Galloway served as a delegate from Pennsylvania to the First Continental Congress in 1774. Below is an excerpt from a 1774 speech made to the Continental Congress.

Document: In this state of the Colonies it was not unreasonable to expect that **Parliament** would have put a tax on them comparable to their wealth, and the sums raised in Great Britain. You all know there were Colonies which at some times granted aids, and others nothing; other Colonies gave nothing during the war; none gave fairly in proportion to their wealth...

Desirous as I am to promote the freedom of the Colonies, and to prevent a military contest with Great-Britain... I would therefore recognize the necessity of the supreme authority of **Parliament** over the Colonies, because it is a proposal which we cannot deny without conflict, for I am convinced, by long attention to the subject, we shall find none that can give to the Colonies substantial freedom, but some such inclusion. I therefore ask you, to pay to the instructions of your citizens, by the regard you have for the honor and safety of your country, and as you wish to avoid a war with Great Britain, not to rely on a denial of the authority of **Parliament**, a refusal to be represented; because whatever protestations, in that case, may be made, it will show to the world that we unintentionally intend to involve the two countries in all the horrors of a civil war.

Parliament: British government

1) What is the main point of the Joseph Galloway's speech?

2) Is Joseph Galloway a Patriot, Loyalist or Neutralist? Provide evidence to support your answer.

3) Explain your evidence for why Joseph Galloway is a Patriot, Loyalist or Neutralist?

Document 2: Quote by Samuel Adams

Context: This speech was delivered by Samuel Adams on August 1st, 1776, before the Continental Congress in the State House in Philadelphia.

Document: We have no other alternative than independence. The troops of our enemies thicken on our plains; unhappiness and death mark their bloody career; whilst the crushed corpses of our countrymen seem to cry out to us as a voice from Heaven.

Our unalterable determination would be to be free. They have attempted to stop us by force, but God be praised! In vain. Their arts may be more dangerous than their arms. Let us then reject all treaty with them upon any score but that of total separation, and under God trust our cause to our swords.

1) What is the main point of the quote by Samuel Adams?

2) Is Samuel Adams a Patriot, Loyalist or Neutralist? Provide evidence to support your answer.

3) Explain your evidence for why Samuel Adams is a Patriot, Loyalist or Neutralist?