

LOYALISTS OR PATRIOT WHOSE ARGUMENT IS IT?

Directions: Read the quoted primary source arguments below and select whether the colonist who said it was a Patriot or a Loyalist.

1. "One was never meant to rule over the other. Since coming to this country, we have learned to manage our **affairs** (business) on our own. We are Americans now, not English people."

PATRIOT



LOYALIST



2. "To **sever** (cut) ties with our mother country is unthinkable. We are all English people and owe allegiance (loyalty) to the same king. To separate from England would be cutting ourselves off from all we hold dear."

PATRIOT



LOYALIST



3. "If we separate from England, it will be disastrous for business. England provides us with a market for our goods and protects our trade on land as well as at sea."

PATRIOT



LOYALIST



4. "We will be much better off without England controlling our trade. We'll be free to trade with anyone we please and we won't be forced to buy English manufactured goods any longer. England has been taking advantage of us too long."

PATRIOT



LOYALIST



5. "The King and Parliament are determined to deprive us of the right to which we were born. They would tax us, but give us no say in how we are governed. We want true freedom."

PATRIOT



LOYALIST



6. "We have learned to take care of certain of our affairs by ourselves but we still need to be under England's guidance. The mother country is responsible for our system of law and order, and if we break from her, we shall lose that. People will be killed and property destroyed."

PATRIOT



LOYALIST



LOYALISTS OR PATRIOT READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Define the word Loyalist and explain how it was different from a Patriot.

Does the Patriot feel more English or American? Explain.

Why does the Loyalist believe separation from England would be “disastrous for business”?

What is the Patriot’s view on the effects on business if the Colonies separate?

THINK ABOUT IT! Given what you have learned, realistically would you have been a Patriot or Loyalist? Explain your answer by using an example from your own life to support your conclusion. For example, an event that shows your willingness to be brave, defend your beliefs or challenge authority may support the idea that you would have been a Patriot. On the other side, an event that shows you are a loyal friend, respectful student or respectful son/daughter may detail support for the Loyalist position.
