

Patriots

1. Fought for liberty and independence against the British monarch, King George III
2. Believed in unalienable individual rights
3. Wanted the people to give government its power
4. Wanted more limited government
5. Believed the British Parliament was imposing unfair taxes
6. Believed the colonists should have representation in Parliament
7. Felt their rights were being violated
8. Felt King George III was acting with too much power for himself



Loyalists

1. Considered themselves loyal British subjects
2. Believed involving themselves in the revolution would be going against their country
3. Believed trade for goods depended on good relations with the British
4. Many had family or business links to Britain



Other Colonists

1. Colonists that believed in keeping a neutral stance during the war
2. Did not always agree with every British policy, but valued their citizenship and benefits of being British subjects
3. Many Quakers (religious group) opposed the violence of both the Loyalists and Patriots
4. Feared risks and effects of choosing incorrectly