

## Loyalists, Patriots, or Neutrals?

Close Reading Questions	Document 1: Big Idea 4: Support for Independence	Document 2: Big Idea 5: Opposition to Independence	Document 3: Big Idea 6: The People and Perspectives In Between
<p>Summarize in your own words the viewpoint.</p> <p>Provide a quote that supports your answer</p>	<p><i>Britain had violated the colonists inalienable rights, and they were better off without them (pg. 1)</i></p>	<p><i>Being part of the British Empire brought peace and stability; overturning a political system that had brought them so much was risky (pg. 1)</i></p>	<p><i>They were torn between discontent and the desire to still remain part of the Empire (pg. 1)</i></p> <p><i>Many were wary of the risks to their families (pg. 1)</i></p>
<p>What are two reasons why colonists supported this viewpoint?</p> <p>Provide a quote that supports your answer</p>	<p><i>Spread of enlightenment ideals (pg. 1)</i></p> <p><i>King George III's proclamation of 23 August 1775 (pg. 2)</i></p>	<p><i>Even with the disputes they colonies still had more in common with Britain (pg. 1)</i></p> <p><i>Revolutionaries had acted in dangerous and scary ways (pgs. 1-2)</i></p>	<p><i>They could have lived far away from the actual conflict and not seen it's outcome as relevant to them (pg. 1)</i></p>
<p>What challenges did supporters of this viewpoint encounter?</p> <p>Provide a quote that supports your answer</p>	<p><i>Lack of Colonial unity (pg. 1)</i></p> <p><i>The need for foreign support to win (pg. 4)</i></p>	<p><i>Outnumbered in certain areas (pg. 3)</i></p> <p><i>Could face harassment by supporters of independence (pgs. 1-2)</i></p>	<p><i>Pressure, distrust, and suspicion was common from both Revolutionaries and Loyalists (pgs 1-2)</i></p>
<p>How did supporters of this viewpoint feel about the role of government and the concept of inalienable rights?</p> <p>Provide a quote that supports your answer</p>	<p><i>Colonists had grown accustomed to governing themselves (pg. 2)</i></p> <p><i>The changes in viewpoint are given voice in Thomas Paine's pamphlet Common Sense (pg. 3)</i></p>	<p><i>They had faith in the British political system to right itself (pg. 1)</i></p> <p><i>Though Parliament had caused them distress with their policies, they weren't so out of line as to justify independence (pg. 2)</i></p>	<p><i>That British policies may have been unjustified but they were still better off being British Subjects (pg. 2)</i></p>