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