**AP US Loyalist vs. Patriot Debate**

After receiving your role go to the following websites to read some documents about:

**Loyalists:**

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/?option=com_staticxt&staticfile=show.php%3Ftitle=1333&chapter=88166&layout=html&Itemid=27>

Also take a look at the following for some good arguments at:

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/?option=com_staticxt&staticfile=show.php%3Ftitle=1332&chapter=104693&layout=html&Itemid=27>

**Patriots**:

<http://www.ushistory.org/paine/commonsense/sense2.htm>

<http://www.ushistory.org/paine/commonsense/sense5.htm> (start reading at bottom of page which says TO CONCLUDE)

<http://www.ushistory.org/paine/commonsense/sense6.htm>

Joseph Galloway – Loyalist:

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/index.php?option=com_staticxt&staticfile=show.php%3Ftitle=1333&Itemid=27>

John Adams – Patriot:

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/?option=com_staticxt&staticfile=show.php%3Ftitle=592&chapter=76801&layout=html&Itemid=27>

Sons of Liberty: Patriots or Terrorists? <http://www.earlyamerica.com/review/fall96/sons.html>

**(Loyalists)**

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/?option=com_staticxt&staticfile=show.php%3Ftitle=1333&chapter=88166&layout=html&Itemid=27>

<http://www.multied.com/Bio/RevoltBIOS/INDEX.html>

<http://www.plpsd.mb.ca/amhs/history/loyalists.html>

<http://www.earlyamerica.com/review/fall96/loyalists.html>

http://users.erols.com/candidus/music.htm

**(Patriots)**

Quest for Independence: <http://www.kidport.com/RefLib/UsaHistory/AmericanRevolution/Quest.htm>

Patriots <http://www.americanrevolution.com/PatriotsIndex.htm>

Revolution <http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/E/revolution/revo2.htm>

<http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/liberty_menwomen.html>

Take notes on the above documents (you do not have to use them all, but might want to divide them up among your group members). Hint: If you’re smart you might want to look at the opposition’s documents to understand their arguments.

Using your info and other sources, try to list at least 10 arguments **for and/or against independence.**

Do not forget to look at your assignment on Thomas Paine and Charles Inglis as a resource as well.

**Important perspective note:** you are arguing this debate from the standpoint of someone living in the colonies just prior to the outbreak of war, but after the first shots at Lexington and Concord.

Potential Direct Questions from moderator

**To** [**Patriots**](http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What_kind_of_questions_would_a_neutralist_ask_to_a_patriot_and_a_loyalist)**:**  
1. How can you justify the unavoidable cost of life that is coming? How can your army possibly win war? Is it worth it?   
2. Why not just negotiate with the Crown for greater independence?   
3. How can you be so willing to try to free yourselves when many of you still own slaves that you are not even willing to give a chance at freedom?   
4. The French and Indian war was a very expensive war fought for YOUR freedom; do you not believe that you should be taxed for your safety?

5. Is not rebellion a betrayal of your heritage?

6. Why were the intolerable Acts, so intolerable? Many have been repealed.

**To Loyalists:**  
1. Britain is treating the Americas like a primitive colony, not as their outpost in the New World. Why should the colonists stand for this?  
2. Why are British troops stationed in the colonies like an occupying force? Why would you support this? Are not the American colonists loyal subjects of the crown?  
3. By supporting the king, how does a loyalist benefit?

4. After 7 generations of salutary neglect, why should the American colonists not want independence? Why should Britain have the right to “tighten it’s leash” now?

5. British taxes and regulation are ruining the American economy? How is this justified? What benefits do we receive from these taxes?

6. After 150 years of loyalty, why do you feel Americans still owe loyalty to Britain? Why should they not pursue independence?

**Other Argument topics to think about:**

French and Indian War

The Enlightenment/Social Contract

No Taxation without Representation

Constitutional Ideologies