

Ideas Divide Colonists

Compare arguments for resistance and loyalty.

USI.6.c "comparing and contrasting the political ideas and principles that shaped the revolutionary movement;"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline ideas Patriots used to support resistance, circle ideas Loyalists used to support staying with Britain, then number one idea both groups shared.

Two Views of Government

- ① In the 1760s and 1770s, many colonists argued that government should protect people's natural rights, including life, liberty, and property. They said a government gets its fair power from the consent of the governed. Because colonists could not elect members of Parliament, Patriots protested British taxes. They believed representation was needed before a government could tax people.
- ② Other colonists, called Loyalists, placed more value on order and connection to Britain. They believed Parliament had legal authority over the empire and could make laws for all its parts. Loyalists feared that breaking from Britain might bring war, violence, or weak government. Some also thought colonists were represented in Parliament because its members considered the good of the whole empire.
- ③ Both groups cared about the welfare of the colonies and wanted government to protect people. However, Patriots stressed individual rights and consent, while Loyalists stressed lawful authority and stability. These different ideas led to different choices. Patriots supported resistance and eventually independence. Loyalists supported remaining in the British Empire. The debate showed that people could agree on some goals but disagree about how government should work.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Patriots connect the ideas of consent and representation to British taxes?

2 What did Loyalists believe about Parliament's authority, and how was this different from the Patriot view?

3 What is one goal that Patriots and Loyalists shared?

4 How did the two groups' different political ideas lead them to make different choices about Britain?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly 3 sentences comparing Patriots and Loyalists. State one goal they shared, explain one difference in their ideas about government, and tell how that difference affected their choices.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline ideas Patriots used to support resistance, circle ideas Loyalists used to support staying with Britain, then number one idea both groups shared. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Patriots connect the ideas of consent and representation to British taxes?	Patriots believed government needed the consent of the governed and elected representation before it could tax people.
2	What did Loyalists believe about Parliament's authority, and how was this different from the Patriot view?	Loyalists believed Parliament had legal authority to make laws for the empire. Patriots objected because colonists could not elect members of Parliament and wanted representation.
3	What is one goal that Patriots and Loyalists shared?	Both groups wanted government to protect people and cared about the welfare of the colonies.
4	How did the two groups' different political ideas lead them to make different choices about Britain?	Patriots stressed rights and consent, so they supported resistance and independence. Loyalists stressed lawful authority and stability, so they supported remaining in the British Empire.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Patriots and Loyalists both wanted government to protect people. Patriots believed consent and representation were necessary, but Loyalists trusted Parliament's authority. This disagreement helped Patriots support independence while Loyalists supported staying with Britain.

Accept accurate comparisons using the passage's ideas of rights, consent, representation, Parliament's authority, order, and stability. For the open response, check for one shared goal, one clear contrast, and a correct link to each group's choice.