

# Democracy Prep Charter School



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade US History Winter Break Homework Packet Due: Tuesday January 2, 2013

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Assignment	Grade	Mastery
Document 1	___/10	Mastered/Passing/Not Mastered
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## Loyalists & Patriots in the Revolution



"'Consent of the governed'? —  
that could be a deal-breaker."

### HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

When the Revolutionary War began in 1775, Americans were forced to decide which side of the struggle they would support. Loyalists, sometimes called Tories, supported their mother country, Great Britain. Patriots supported the rebellion in hopes of gaining independence from Great Britain. For most people, this was not an easy decision to make. There were numerous factors that needed to be considered beyond the important questions of American liberty or loyalty to the king. People thought about whether they would benefit more from an American or a British victory. Some were worried about their safety and shifted their support between both sides, depending on who seemed to be winning.

### Part A- Short-Answer Section

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The following documents relate to the Revolutionary War. Examine each document carefully and answer the questions that follow. Be sure to annotate the answers so that they are perfectly TAG'd!

**Document 1: The Boston Massacre (1770)**



*Tensions between Britain and her colonies had been growing steadily for several years when five Americans were shot and killed during a riot of March 5, 1770. Although it may not show events accurately, this famous engraving by Paul Revere helped to increase Americans' outrage over the Boston Massacre.*

1. Was Paul Revere, the author of this engraving, a patriot or a loyalist?  
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2. What does it mean that this picture “may not show events accurately”?  
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3. What are two ways that this picture makes the British look bad?  
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4. Was it fair to the British to depict the Boston Massacre this way? Was it fair to the colonists?  
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5. Does this document make you more likely to side with the Patriots or the Loyalists? Why?  
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**Document 2: A Loyalist is Tarred and Feathered (1774)**

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*“The most shocking cruelty occurred a few nights ago, upon a poor old man named Malcolm. A quarrel was picked with him, he was afterward taken and tarred and feathered. He was stripped stark naked, on one of the coldest nights this winter, his body covered all over with tar, then with feathers, his arm dislocated in tearing off his clothes. He was dragged in a cart with thousands taking part, some beating him with clubs and knocking him out of the cart, then in again. They gave him several severe whippings, at different parts of the town. Under torture, they demanded him to curse the King, Governor, etc., which they could not make him do, but he still cried, “Curse all traitors!” The doctors say that is impossible this poor creature can live. These events serve to show the hopeless state of government and the lawlessness and barbarianism of the times. No person is safe.*

1. Why was Malcolm treated this way?

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2. What group of people must have been responsible for committing this violent act of hate?

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3. Is this type of violence ever justified?

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4. What can you *infer* the author would be worried about if the colonies separated from Britain and were left to govern themselves?

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5. Patriots often argued that they were fighting for the American values of liberty and freedom of thought and expression. Does this passage show that they honor and respect individual liberty and freedom?

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6. Does this document make you more likely to side with the Loyalists or the Patriots? Why?

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**Document 3: A Comparison of Strength**

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A COMPARISON OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN MILITARY AND FINANCIAL POWER  
1775–1783

COUNTRY	ARMY	NAVY	FINANCES
GREAT BRITAIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* One of the best in the world.</li> <li>* Well trained and disciplined.</li> <li>* Well equipped.</li> <li>* Hired 30,000 Hessians (German mercenaries)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Best in the world</li> <li>* 131 ships of the line (at least 64 guns each)</li> <li>* Hundreds of other ships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* British pound</li> <li>* Currency of stable value</li> <li>* Well established system of taxation and finance</li> <li>* Britain spent 4.5 million pounds on Hessians alone.</li> </ul>
UNITED STATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Continental Army created in 1775</li> <li>* Never more than 20,000 men at one time</li> <li>* Did not receive adequate formal training until winter 1777-1778</li> <li>* Problems with pay and lack of supplies led to many mutinies and desertions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Continental Navy created in 1775</li> <li>* Never numbered more than 64 ships at any one time</li> <li>* Most ships were frigates (smaller than ships of the line)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Continental Dollar established 1775</li> <li>* Value of the dollar dropped throughout the war.</li> <li>* Dollar lost 90% of its value by 1779</li> <li>* By 1781 only “hard money” (gold, silver) used in U.S. markets</li> </ul>

1. How did the financial wealth of the British help make their military stronger?

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2. According to this chart, which side seemed more likely to win the Revolutionary War? Give at least two reasons to support your answer.

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3. Does this document make you more likely to side with the Loyalists or the Patriots? Why?

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**Document 4: A Description of the Continental Army (1775)**

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*The army is not very badly equipped, but most wretchedly clothed, and as dirty as a set of mortals as ever disgraced the name of a soldier. They have had no clothes of any sort provided for them by the Congress, though the army in general, and the Massachusetts forces in particular, had encouragement of having coats given them for enlisting. The neglect of the Congress to fulfill their promise in this respect has been the source of a great deal of uneasiness among the soldiers.*

*Another reason why the army can never be well united and regulated is the disagreement and jealousies between the different troops from the different colonies; which will never fail to create uneasiness among them. The Massachusetts forces already complain very loudly of the favor the General shows to the Virginians. The gentlemen of the Southern Colonies complain of the great number of New England officers in the army, and particularly those belonging to the colony of Massachusetts Bay.*

*Thus have these jealousies and uneasiness already begun, which I think cannot fail to increase and grow every day, and if they do not finally destroy the very existence of the army, they will certainly make it much less powerful than it otherwise might have been.*

1. According to this document, what are two problems that the Continental Army (the army of the patriots) faced during the Revolutionary War?

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2. How would these problems make it difficult for the Continental Army to be successful?

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3. What would Benjamin Franklin's message be to the troops?

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4. Does this document make you more likely to side with the Loyalists or the Patriots? Why?

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**Document 5: An excerpt from *Plain Truth* by James Chalmers (1776)**

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*Can we suppose that Americans are capable of defending against the power of Great Britain? Our colonies, covered with navigable rivers, everywhere accessible to the fleets and armies of Britain, can make no defense. We must view our colonies, half armed, without money or a navy: We must confess that no people were ever opposed to such a powerful enemy while facing so many disadvantages . . . Can a reasonable person for a moment believe that Great Britain, whose political existence depends on our obedience, who but recently made such tremendous efforts to save us from France, will not exert herself as powerfully to save us from the wild schemes of independence?*

1. According to Chalmers, what makes America an easy target for Great Britain?

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2. According to Chalmers, how do we know that Great Britain will not give up without a fight?

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3. Does this document make you more likely to side with the Loyalists or the Patriots? Why?

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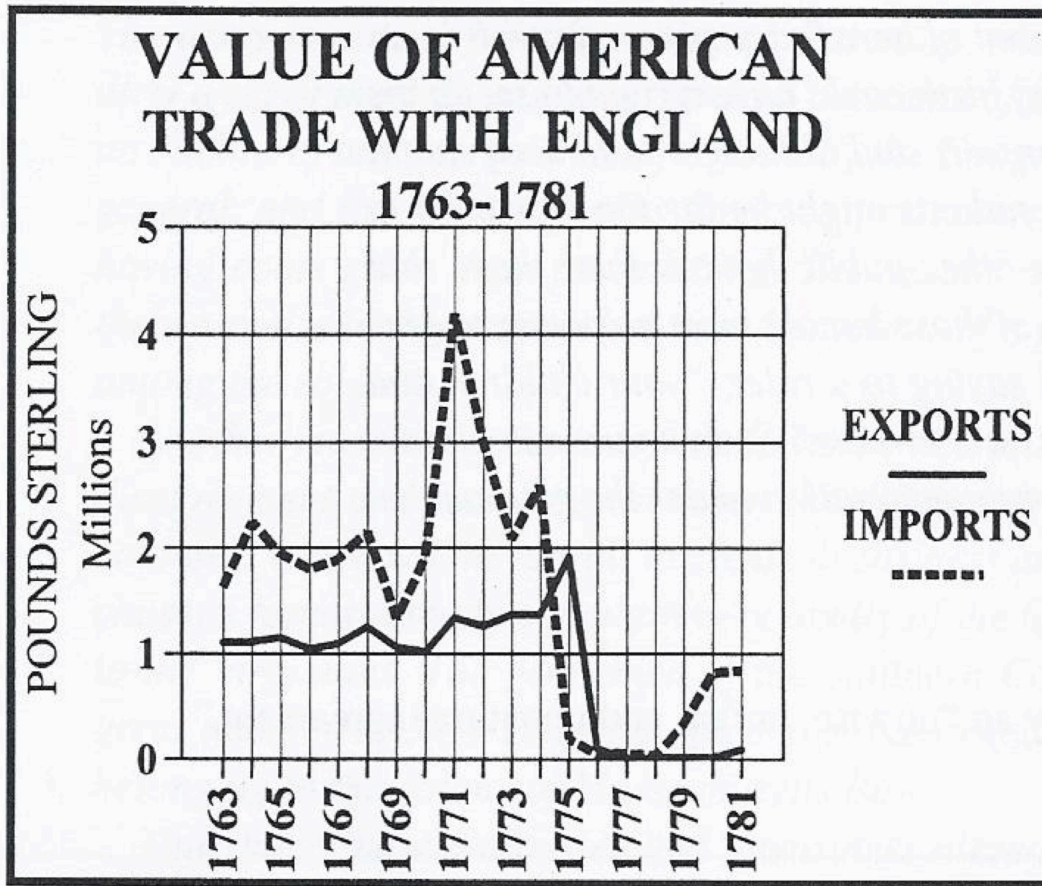
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*Source: American Historical Statistics*

1. When were imports from England at their highest?

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2. Overall, what effect did the Revolutionary War have on trade with England?

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3. Does this document make you more likely to side with the Loyalists or the Patriots? Why?

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