A Nation Emerges

Unit 2: Why do people rebel? Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Patriot/Loyalist Op-Ed

As we examine the events leading up to the American War for Independence, it is important that we continue to think about our unit question: Why do people rebel? This project will allow you to look at colonial America on the brink of war from the perspective of someone who wanted to rebel (a patriot) or from the perspective of someone who did not want to rebel (a loyalist).

**Your task:**

1) Select a patriot or a loyalist from the list below.

2) Research the life of that individual BEFORE the War for Independence. I will provide you with a research guide to help focus your thinking.

3) Form an argument from their specific perspective, making as many connections between their argument and their biographical information as possible. (For example, if your subject is a colonial merchant, what components of the patriot cause might be important to him? Or, if your subject is a rich plantation owner, why might he argue against independence?)**.**

4) Submit your research and your argument in the form of an op-ed (a newspaper article that expresses an opinion). Don’t worry! I’ll give you a guide to writing an op-ed. Your op-ed should be about two pages in length.

THIS PROJECT IS WORTH A 60-POINT QUIZ GRADE AND IS DUE ON

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014.

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|  | *Patriots* |  | *Loyalists* |
| John Adams | John Hancock | Thomas Paine | Joseph Galloway |
| Sam Adams | Patrick Henry | Paul Revere | Thomas Hutchinson |
| Benjamin Franklin | Thomas Jefferson | Joseph Warren | Andrew Allen |
| Dr. Benjamin Church | Richard Henry Lee | Nathan Hale | John Butler |
| Abigail Adams | Mercy Otis Warren | James Otis | David Mathews |