

# PATRIOTS AND LOYALISTS

The Revolutionary War was fought between the 13 colonies and Great Britain. Although many different events led to it, Britain taxing the colonists after the French and Indian War (fought against New France for America's control) fueled the war. The colonists believed it was unfair to be taxed when they had no say in Parliament (British government), while Britain thought it was only right since the war was for them. With these differing views came two groups of people; the Patriots and the Loyalists. Colonists had to decide which group they would be joining, if either.

A Patriot was a person who believed the colonies should gain their independence from King George III and become a free and independent country. They did not want to be ruled by any other country or have laws made for them. They believed the taxes and laws were unfair and that their rights were being violated. There were many famous Patriots including the general of the Continental Army (the Patriot's army) George Washington (first president of the United States), John Adams (second president of the United States) and Thomas Jefferson (third president of the United States). Paul Revere, Patrick Henry and Benjamin Franklin were also Patriots. Other names for Patriots included Sons of Liberty, Whigs, Revolutionaries, Congress-Men, Colonials, and Patriots.

Loyalists were those who wanted to stay loyal to Great Britain and remain under British rule. They wanted to remain British citizens and continue abiding (following) their laws and paying the taxes. Many of them had land and were doing well in America. They wanted to avoid going into war against Britain and instead, keep their wealth. Others had ties and did business with Britain and knew they may encounter problems if they were at war with them. Loyalists are not as famous today as the Patriots since they lost the war, however, one famous Loyalist was Benedict Arnold. He was first a Patriot and general fighting with the Continental

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Leif Erikson was  
nicknamed \_\_\_\_\_,  
the first to see King's Men.



Patriots



Signs of Liberty



Tories



Neutrals

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Who published  
"Common Sense"?



Thomas Paine



John Adams



Paul Revere



Benedict Arnold

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Who did the British  
and colonists fight in  
the French and Indian  
War?



Amsterdam



Spain



New Mexico



New France

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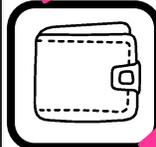
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government also  
known as?



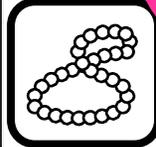
Senate



Parliament



Royal Court



Burgesses

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When did the Revolutionary War begin?



1773



1781



1776



1775

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Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?



Paine



Washington



Adams



Jefferson

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At the time, who was the king of Britain?



King James II



King George III



King James III



King George II

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What does 'compensate' mean?



To approve



To give money



To care for

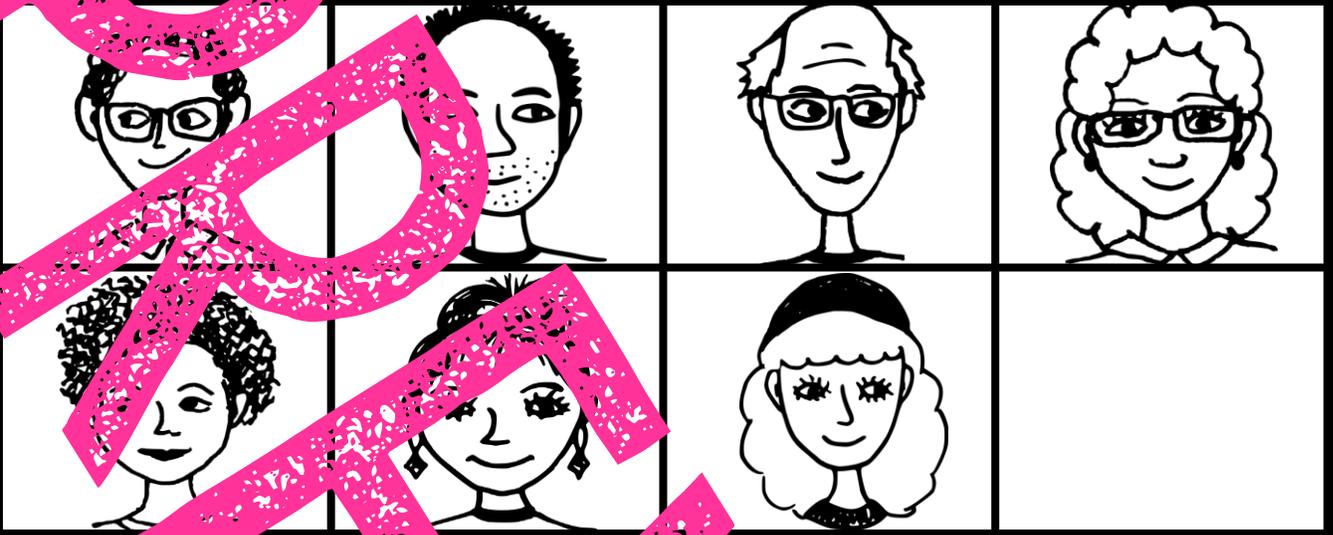


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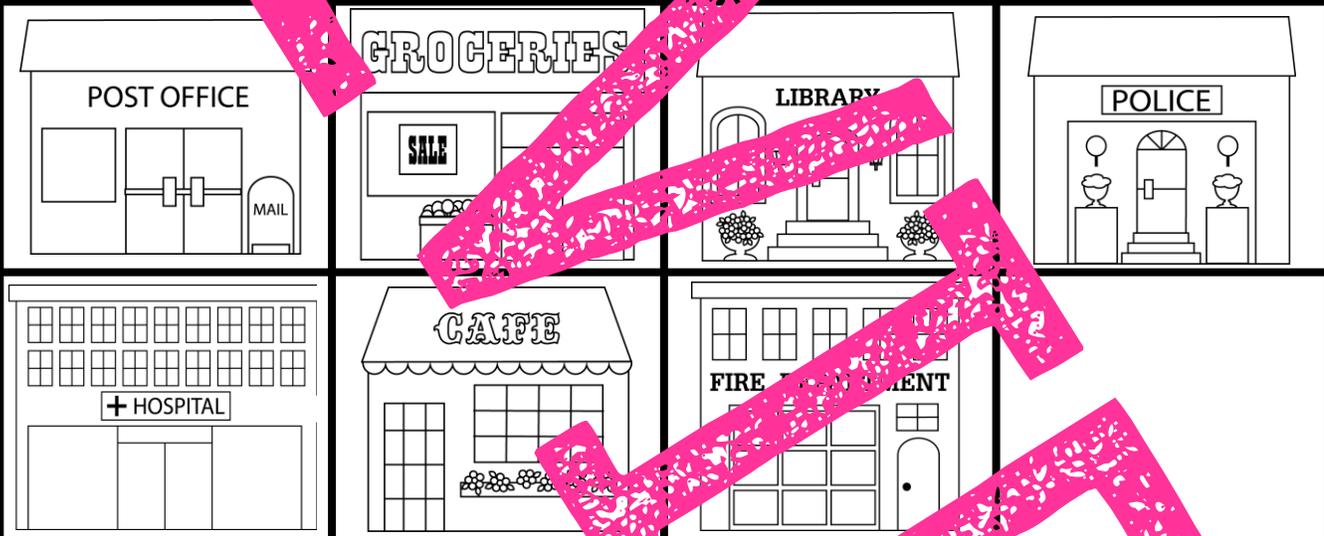
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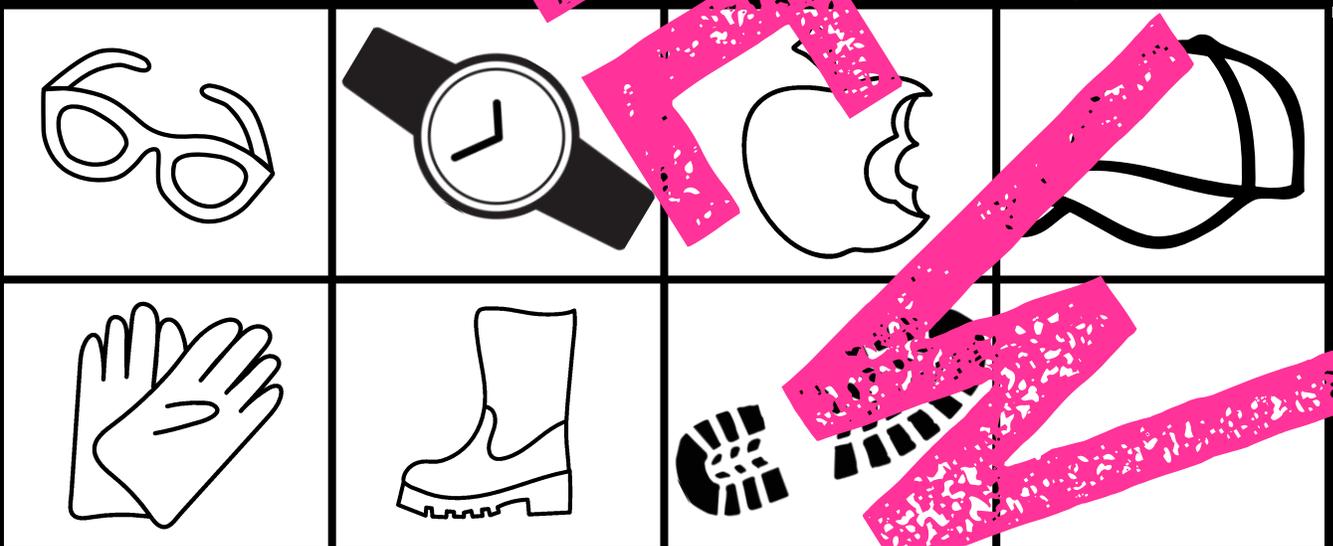
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LOCATION



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