

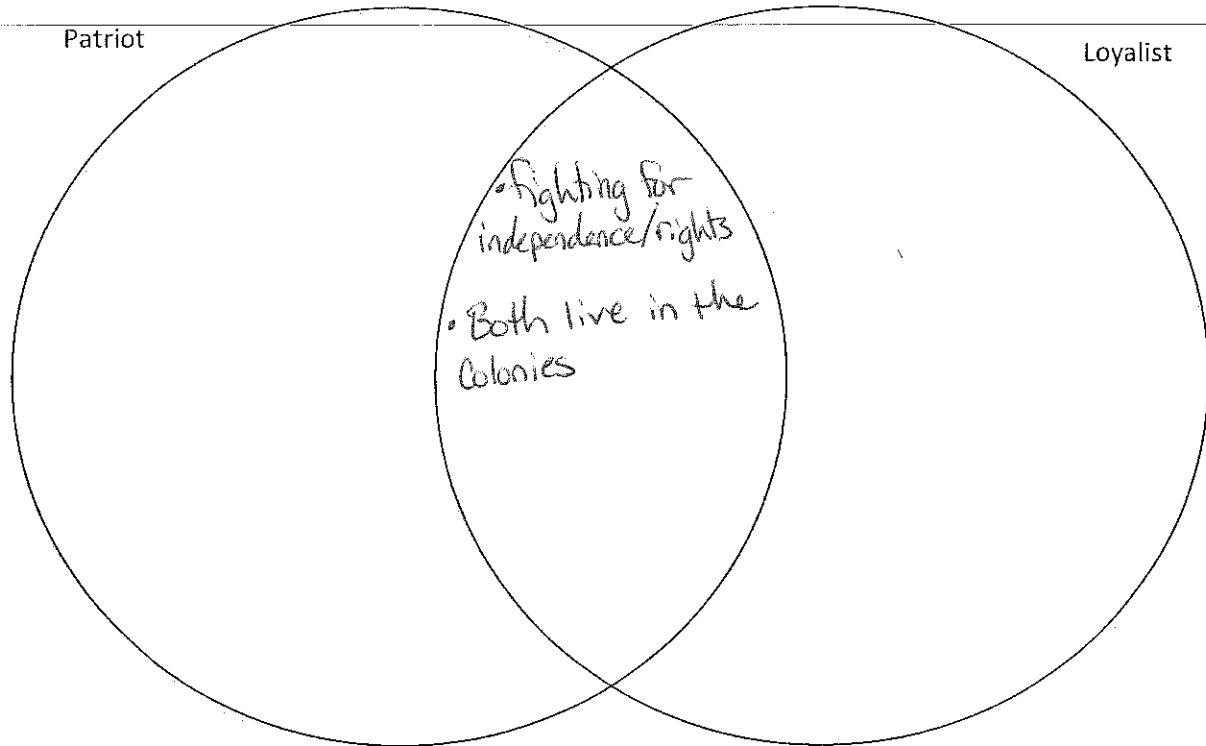
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Patriots vs. Loyalists: Revolutionary War Advantages

Guided Notes



Colonists (Patriots)		British (Loyalists)	
Advantages	Disadvantages	Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fighting on familiar ground • Motivation of soldiers defending the homeland • Flexibility of tactics • Many colonists skilled with rifles, despite lack of military training • Leadership of George Washington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of trained fighting force • Difficulties in recruiting, especially keeping soldiers beyond short enlistment periods • Presence of Loyalists to the British crown • Lack of supplies • A long coastline with major cities vulnerable to attack from the sea • Lack of naval power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior Naval Power • Large professional fighting force • Greater manufacturing capabilities • Wealth of Country • Support for loyalists within the Colonies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance from England to the Colonies for resupply, transporting troops, & communication • Lack of motivation of professional soldiers compared to Patriots • Lack of motivation among the citizens of England to finance a long, costly war • Hesitancy to abandon traditional tactics not well suited for fighting Colonists • overconfidence