Loyalists vs Patriots The Arguments

Loyalists

- A strong unified British Empire is good for all
- 2. Colonist are British subjects and should obey British law
- 3. Taxes are due to pay for the French & Indian War which was fought to protect the colonies
- 4. American colonies would be weak without Britain
- Colonies profit from trade with England
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- 7. Colonies are too far way from England to have representation in Parliament, it's just not practical

Patriots

- People have rights government can't take away, like property
- 2. Taxation takes away property from citizens (i.e. money and goods)
- 3. Colonists don't have voice in Parliament, so England shouldn't tax colonies (No taxation without representation)
- 4. There's no way colonies could ever be represented in Parliament because it is too far away.
- Many colonist fought in the French & Indian War (we've done our part)
- British personnel are causing violence, riots, and death (Boston Massacre & Boston Tea Party)