

The student will demonstrate knowledge of events and issues of the Revolutionary Period by

b) describing the political differences among the colonists concerning separation from Britain



Differences among the Colonists

The colonists were divided into three main camps during the Revolution:

Patriots

Loyalists (Tories)

Neutrals

Complete independence from England Inspired by Locke , Paine and Patrick Henry

Provided the troops for the American Army, led by George Washington

“Give me liberty, or give me death!”

Loyal to Britain,
a. cultural ties
b. economic ties
British taxation of the colonies was justified.

Colonists who tried to stay as uninvolved in the war as possible

The ideas of the Enlightenment and the perceived unfairness of British policies provoked debate and resistance by the colonies