

Grade 7 Writing Assignment: The Loyalists' Decision

Due Oct. 27, 2025

Instructions:

In this assignment, you will write **two well-structured paragraphs** using information from your reading and class discussions. Follow the prompts below and support your ideas with evidence.

Writing Task:

Paragraph 1:

Explain at least **two reasons** why some colonists remained **loyal to Britain** during the American Revolution. Use specific historical evidence to support your answer.

Paragraph 2:

Do you think the Loyalists who moved to **British North America** made the right decision? **Explain why or why not**, using facts and examples to support your opinion.

Rubric (Total: 20 points)

Criteria	Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Satisfactory (3)	Needs Improvement (1–2)
Understanding of Content	Shows strong understanding with accurate historical details	Shows good understanding with mostly accurate details	Shows some understanding with a few errors	Shows little understanding of the topic
Paragraph Structure	Clear topic sentence, supporting details, and conclusion	Mostly clear structure	Basic structure present	Lacks paragraph structure
Evidence and Examples	Uses strong, relevant evidence and examples	Uses some relevant evidence	Limited evidence used	Lacks evidence or examples
Grammar and Spelling	Few or no errors	Some minor errors	Several errors	Many errors that interfere with meaning
Effort and Completion	Fully complete, well-edited	Complete with small issues	Mostly complete	Incomplete or rushed work