

Debating Independence! A Mock Town Hall Meeting

For this assignment, you will be given a role and provided with a brief description of that person's thoughts and actions regarding the events of the 1760's and 1770's. On the date of the mock town meeting, you will need to come to class prepared to argue in character based on that person's perspective, or ask questions of either side (depending on your role).

Each participant will need to create a neat, interesting standing nametag for their desk that includes the following:

- Their name
- Their position (loyalist, patriot, neutral)
- A quote from their person (either actual or fictional-but-plausible)
- Visual details that reflect the person's ideas or position (original, i.e. created by you)

Patriots and loyalists will need to create a piece of propaganda that reflects their character's position. This can take any form you want, but must include a tangible product of some sort and show thought and effort (e.g. posters should be on actual posterboard, visuals should include color, etc.). Remember to include a citations list for any images that are not original.

Neutrals will need to do create a small poster with two symbols: one to reflect the Patriots, and one to reflect the Loyalists. Put one on each side of the poster (i.e one on the front and one on the back side). The symbols need to be relevant and reflect thought and effort. Remember to include a citations list for any images that are not original (though ultimately you want to make something that is original, even if it includes elements taken from elsewhere).

You are also welcome (but are not required) to do additional research on the character (be sure to use reputable sources!), and may choose to bring a representative prop to class on the day of the meeting.

There will be three graded components here:

- Desk name sign (5 pts. possible)
- Propaganda piece (5 pts. possible)
- Participation in the discussion (2 or more substantive contributions to the discussion - 5 pts. possible)

Please check the blog for the town meeting date for your class.