

Whig vs. Tory

"Don't Tread on Me" vs. "God Save the King!"

Instructions: *Read the descriptions of the following colonists and determine whether they are probably a Tory (Loyalist) or Whig (Patriot).*

1. Alfred is a clergyman of the Anglican Church living in Savannah, Georgia. Every Sunday he faithfully ministers to the congregants of his church, emphasizing the importance of God, King, and Country.

Alfred is most likely a _____, because...

2. John is a poor wheat farmer living along the Hudson near Albany. He wants to expand his farm, but neighboring properties are too expensive. John has considered moving to the more affordable Ohio River Valley, but the Proclamation Line prevents him from doing so.

John is most likely a _____, because...

3. Susannah is a seamstress living in Wilmington, Delaware. She is troubled by rumors of a coming war with Great Britain. Many of her family members live in London, and as a Quaker woman, she is opposed to any and all war regardless of the reason.

Susannah is most likely a _____, because...

Name _____ Pd _____

4. Gideon is a wealthy merchant in Philadelphia who imports sugar, molasses, and rum from the West Indies. He increases his profits by trading with the Dutch, French, and Spanish. However, he becomes concerned when he learns that the Navigation Acts will now be enforced.

Gideon is most likely a _____, because...

5. Nathan is a tobacco planter and member of the House of Burgesses in Williamsburg. His sense of duty to his beloved Virginia inspired him to enlist during the French and Indian War, though he did not always get along with British Regulars or respect their rigid European customs.

Nathan is most likely a _____, because...

6. Josiah is a tax collector living in Boston. His salary has doubled since last year, ever since the Sons of Liberty began frightening many collectors into quitting. However, Josiah hopes if he stays firm, he will gain the confidence of King George and be appointed to a prestigious government office.

Josiah is most likely a _____, because...

Name _____ Pd _____

7. Mercy is a mother of five children living in the Waxhaw Settlement of the Carolinas. Her husband was killed in the French and Indian War during Braddock's march. She wants her children to grow up in a free land where they can exercise their God-given rights and choose their own destinies.

Mercy is most likely a _____, because...

8. Joshua is a painter living in New Haven, Connecticut. He is irritated with the onslaught of new taxes – especially the Townshend Acts which have raised the price of his paints. He also does not believe it's fair that American colonists are excluded from British Parliament.

Joshua is most likely a _____, because...

9. Peggy is the wealthy wife of the Governor of New Jersey. Her father works in Parliament and has made quite a prestigious name for himself back in England. She enjoys hosting social gatherings with her aristocratic friends and acquaintances, many of whom are from London.

Peggy is most likely a _____, because...
