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Loyalist Or Patriot Debate Answer Key

Students must show understanding of Loyalist vs. Patriot beliefs.

Expected concepts include:

- Patriots: unfair taxes, lack of representation, natural rights, self-government
- Loyalists: loyalty to Britain, protection, economic benefits, law and order

Teacher checks for:

- Correct alignment of arguments with the chosen role
- Reasoning supported with historical ideas
- Clear explanation in closing statement

Teacher's Guide

Differentiation Tips

- **Support:**
 - Provide sentence starters ("As a Loyalist, I believe..." / "Patriots argue that...")
 - Allow rehearsing in pairs before presenting to the class
- **Challenge:**
 - Require at least one cited primary source phrase in their argument
 - Introduce a third role: Neutral colonists or undecided merchants

Engagement Strategies

- Use role cards with costumes or simple props (e.g., feather quills, red ribbon for Loyalists)
- "Town Meeting" format where students speak from different locations in the room
- Quick-write reflection after debate: Did they change their view?

Extension Opportunities

- Students create a propaganda poster from their chosen perspective
- Research notable Loyalists and Patriots (e.g., Samuel Adams, Thomas Hutchinson)
- Connect to real government debates today about laws, taxes, and rights