

Bias In Revolution Answer Key

1. **Evidence of bias:** Words like “so-called patriots,” “chaos and destruction,” “reckless violence,” and “traitors” show clear negative opinions.
2. **Effect of Loyalist position:** The author praises Britain's rule and portrays colonists seeking independence as ungrateful and dangerous, showing how allegiance shapes interpretation.
3. **Reliability:** The passage is not reliable for understanding the Patriots' perspective, since it is one-sided and hostile toward them. However, it *is* reliable for showing how Loyalists felt and argued.
4. **Historical use:** A historian can use it to understand Loyalist attitudes, propaganda, and fears, but must balance it with Patriot sources and neutral accounts for a fuller picture.

Teacher Note:

Bias does not make a source useless; it shows **perspective**. Students should learn that reliability depends on what question they are asking. This activity builds critical thinking by helping them distinguish between fact, opinion, and interpretation.