Sons of Liberty

An Interactive Activity

Directions: Read the background sheet on the Sons of Liberty Interactive Story. Start your adventure by reading page 1. Complete the following activity as you complete the adventure.

Adventure #1

1. What is your occupation in this story?
2. What has been hurting business?
3. Describe the difference between your attitude toward Britain and your business partner’s.
4. What kind of tactics did the Sons of Liberty use to recruit you?
5. Describe the path you took in the adventure. What happened? What were the consequences?

Adventure #2

1. Describe what happened to you in this adventure.
2. Do you agree or disagree with the tactics the Sons of Liberty were using? Why?
3. Why do you think your character made the choices he/she did in this adventure?

Adventure #3

1. Describe what happened to you in this adventure.
2. How has your life changed as a result of the choices you made in this adventure?
3. How has life changed for most Americans as a result of what is happening in the colonies?

Summary

In the space here, sketch ONE image that you think shows the true nature of the Sons of Liberty. Include a caption that describes your picture.

Many Americans had to make difficult decisions during this time period. What are the pros/cons of each of the following choices?

1. Go to England to avoid war

Pros:

Cons:

1. Stay and fight for independence with the Sons of Liberty

Pros:

Cons:

1. Stay and remain loyal to England

Pros:

Cons:

Summary Essay: Choose one of the prompts to answer. You should have a minimum of three paragraphs (5-7 sentences each).

1. What types of people were more or less likely to join the patriot cause? What were the risks of joining? What were the risks of not joining? Would you have joined the Sons of Liberty without knowing that independence would prevail? Why or why not?
2. Were the Sons of Liberty terrorists or patriots? Define both terms, and then define the Sons of Liberty as one or the other. Defend your answer with specific examples.