

Caught in the Middle

Use the Museum's Virtual Tour to search for Joseph Brant and Elizabeth Freeman in "The Road to Independence" and "The Declaration of Independence" galleries. Use information from the Virtual Tour to answer the questions below.

1. Who did Joseph Brant ally his people with during the Revolutionary War? Why did he make this decision? What does he say that he hopes to do in the letter he wrote?
2. How do you think Native American memories of the French and Indian War and/or the colonial era might have impacted their perspectives on the conflict between Revolutionaries and Loyalists?
3. How did Elizabeth Freeman pursue her freedom during the Revolution? Was she successful? Do you think her story was typical, or was it extraordinary?

Read the **Caught in the Middle** section from the Unit 6 Big Idea Essay, then complete the table by providing reasons why each group might choose to side with the Revolutionaries, the Loyalists, or to remain neutral.

	REVOLUTIONARY	LOYALIST	NEUTRAL
Enslaved People			
Free People of African Descent			
Native Americans			