

Notes

Name:

Occupation/
Livelihood:

Regarding
Family:

Religious
Beliefs:

Political
Beliefs:

Economic
Motivations:

Regarding
Neighbors:

Other:

Patriot

Loyalist

Pacifist

Privateer

Uncommitted

(Circle One)

Questions That Help You Dig Deeper:



When you hear an assumption, challenge it with:

- a) Please explain how/why you think this?
- b) How could you verify or disprove this?
- c) What would happen if ...?
- d) Is this always the case?



When you hear someone's rationale, ask:

- e) Why would you suggest this?
- f) How do you know this to be the case?
- g) Can you give me an example to support this? What evidence is there?



If they are being rigid in their perspective, ask:

- h) What is the other side of the argument?
- i) Are there other viewpoints you can consider?
- j) Why is your argument the most plausible?



Have them reflect on the implications and consequences of their views:

- k) But what would happen if ...?
- l) How does this affect ...?
- m) What are the implications of ...?
- n) If this is true, what does that mean for the future?

Patriot:

Inspired by radical writers of the time who challenged social norms. They discussed things such as natural rights, equality, and the social contract, differing on how each would be implemented and for whom.

Loyalist:

Many had strong ties to the crown, valued peace and order under the crown, and/ or were distrustful of patriot motives. Some felt alienated by rhetoric and methods of the patriots and did not want to stir the pot or go against authority.

Uncommitted:

Navigated pressures from neighbors to pick a side. Were often perceived as being a sympathizer of a certain side by straddling the middle despite not wanting to risk any destruction to their families and livelihoods.

Privateer:

Saw the revolution as an economic opportunity. Many did not hold strict allegiances and would offer their services to the highest bidder.

Pacifist:

Did not want any war to happen and held the middle ground where possible, holding a position of neutrality against all violence and hostilities.