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Social Studies Final Project: Will you sign the Declaration of Independence or not?

Part one:

You have had many experiences, positive and negative, with the British and the loyalists. You have also had many experiences with the patriots who have sometimes been violent and crazy. **In your social studies notebook, write a page that describes a specific incident that stands out in your mind from your experience with the British or loyalists and a page about a specific incident with a patriot.**

Perhaps the experience you will write about is a first hand account (for example, there's a soldier sleeping in your bed while you are sleeping on your neighbor's floor), or maybe it's an "eye witness account" (for example, you were walking home from the market and you saw the horrible conditions of the tents that the British soldiers (who were only 14 years old!) were living in.) Be creative. Use details. You are making up these experiences, but you know A LOT about this time period, from your studies of your character, and your book club reading. Be sure you are describing something that is believable. Remember to stay in character.

Use the rest of this page to brainstorm some ideas.

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Part two:

You are still debating whether or not you will sign. There are many reasons to remain loyal to Britain and there are many reasons to rebel and become your own nation. **List as many reasons as you can for both sides in the columns below. Then, in your SSNB, select the strongest reason from each side and say more about it.**

Reasons to remain loyal

Reasons to rebel

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Part three:

Now it's time for you to decide. Take a stand and explain your position. You may:

- Write a short persuasive speech.
- Make a "political cartoon" that shows your perspective.
- Write a letter to Thomas Jefferson (who, along with the others, was the main writer of the Declaration of Independence).
- Make a poster that convinces others why they should/ should not sign.

Use the space below and any other pages you need to do a first draft of this work.

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Part four:

Presenting your perspective. Make a final draft of part three and plan out how you will share it at the last and final town meeting. Practice your presentation!