#3. Loyalists: Native Americans

Information on Joseph Brant:

You are Joseph Brant, born in Ohio in 1842, a Mohawk Indian and a leader of the Iroquois Confederacy. You went to school in Connecticut, where you learned English. Your loyalty to England is partly rooted in your conversion to the Anglican Church (Church of England) in 1763. You fought with the British against the French in the French and Indian War. Your brother-in-law is Sir William Johnson, a Tory and a wealthy landowner.

In 1775 you went to England, where you were treated like a celebrity. <u>You met the King</u> and the King told him that the Mohawks were free people and must remain so. The King agreed and assured you that the Mohawks would be given land in Canada once the conflict with the colonists was resolved, as long as you fight against the colonists.

Swearing loyalty to Great Britain, you pledged to lead 1,500 warriors against the colonies. During the actual war, you will lead four of the six Iroquois nations on the side of the British .

Information on Logan

You are Logan, an Iroquois Indian bom in Pennsylvania in 1723. You became "a friend of the Whites [colonists]" and a leader of the Mingo (Iroquois who left New York). You had a good relationship with white colonists until 1774, when they attacked your village and killed many of your people, including your wife and other family members. After that, you sided with the British. You and your followers became allies of the Shawnee in an effort to drive the colonists from your lands.

You intend to help the British in their fight against the colonists. To convince people of your just cause, you tell them:

"I appeal to any white man to say if he ever entered Logan's cabin hungry and he gave him not meat; if he ever came cold and naked he clothed him not. During the course of the last long and bloody war, Logan remained idle in his cabin, an advocate for peace. Such was my love for the whites I had even thought to have lived with you but for the injustices of one man ... [who] in cold blood and unprovoked, murdered all the relatives of Logan, not even sparing his [wife] and children "<u>This calls on me for revenge</u>, I have sought it; I have killed many "

Information on Molly Brant

You are Molly Brant, a Mohawk and companion of Sir William Johnson, a large landowner and the British Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the northern colonies. You are also the sister of Joseph Brant, the Native American who sided with the British government against the colonies.

You believe that the colonists will take Native American lands, and therefore you support the British. You are also influenced by Johnson. As a result, you will convince many tribes, including the Cayugas and the Senecas, to back the British.

You will also inform the British of Patriot movements and assist Loyalists by securing refuge for them with friendly tribes .