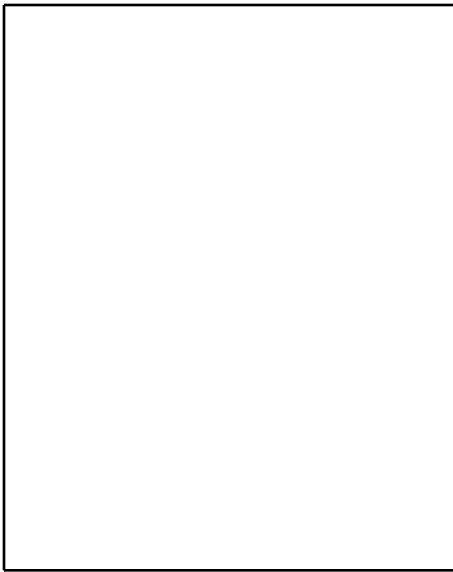


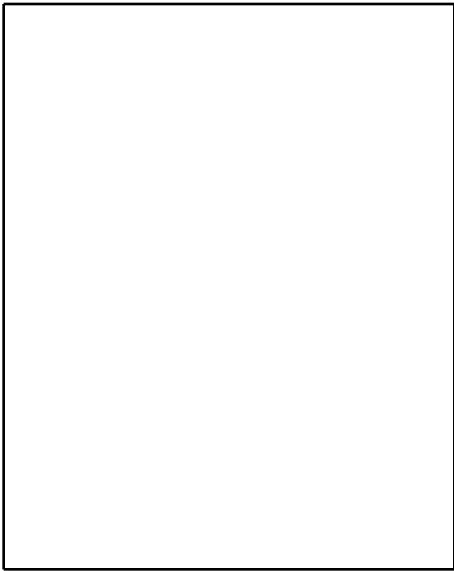
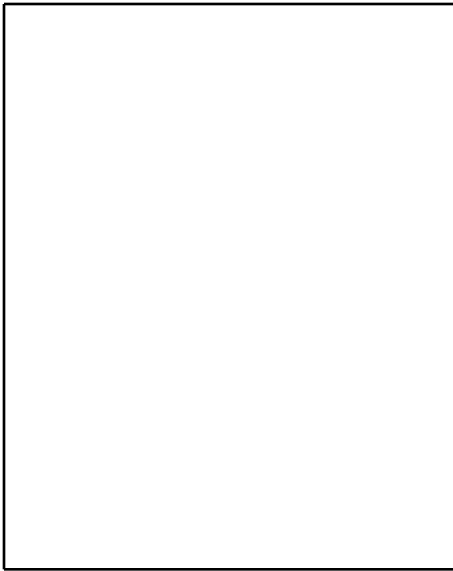
Occupation: writer, printer, inventor, scientist, statesman, diplomat, colonial representative to British government
 Action taken: tried to persuade Great Britain to stop making laws that the colonists thought were unfair
 Argument for independence: The colonists have the ability to

Occupation: governor of Massachusetts
 Action taken: enforced British laws like the Stamp Act
 Argument against independence: The British king knows what is best for colonists because he has experience and wisdom. Colonists living overseas should not expect to have the same freedoms th



Occupation: writer and poet
 Action taken: wrote plays and poems supporting independence
 Argument for independence: Great Britain's laws and taxes are

Occupation: priest in the Church of England
 Action taken: preached that disobeying the king was like disobeying God
 Argument against independence: A war for independence would hurt people much more than living with a few bad laws would. The common people are not capable of ruling. Br



Occupation: governor of Virginia
 Action taken: attacked Patriots' homes and plantations along the Elizabeth River in Virginia
 Argument against independence: Colonists have a duty to obey British laws and not become traitors. Fighting for independence would hurt the economy and make c

Loyalists

treason

neutral

tyrant

The crime of acting to overthrow your ruler or betray your country.

A person in the American colonies who opposed independence and wanted the colonies to remain under the control of the king and Great Britain

Not taking sides. In the American colonies, many people remained neutral and did not support either side in the fight for independence from Great Britain

A ruler who uses his or her power harshly