

LOYALISTS

The Settlement of the
Eastern Townships by the
Loyalists: Myth or Reality?

Student's Workbook
For Highschool



PREPARATION**THE LOYALISTS**

Read the different documents pertaining to the Loyalists. Based on the information that you learn there and on your previous knowledge of the subject, list of few qualities that you feel characterize the concept of a loyalist. Who were these people? Why do we call them Loyalists? Where do they come from? Analyze the documents by asking What? When? Who? How? Why?



THE LOYALISTS



ACTIVITY 2**LOYALISTS OR YANKEES?**

Your job is to gather information in order to answer the following question:

Is the settlement of the Eastern Townships region by the Loyalists a myth or is it reality?

There is no single right answer to this question. The important thing is to base your response on various documentary sources. Here is a table that will guide you as you gather the necessary information.

Actors (Who are the actors involved, what do we know about them?)	
Territory (Where do the events unfold? What influence does territory have on these events?)	
Politics (Constitutional Act, means to obtain a piece of land, conditions)	
Social (Lives of the Loyalists and of Americans, their adventures in the Eastern Townships)	

ACTIVITY 3: ANALYZING PRIMARY SOURCES**LETTER FROM GOVERNOR FREDERICK HALDIMAND**

1. Describe the document. What do you notice? What type of document is this? What kind of source is it?

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2. To whom is the document addressed?

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3. On what date was the document signed? What event occurred that same year?

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4. Why will Governor Frederick Haldimand allow Loyalists to pass unheeded?

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LETTER DISCUSSING A LOYALIST

1. According to the document excerpt with which you were provided, what information proves that Captain John Savage was a Loyalist?

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2. Could this document help Captain Savage secure a piece of land? If so, how?

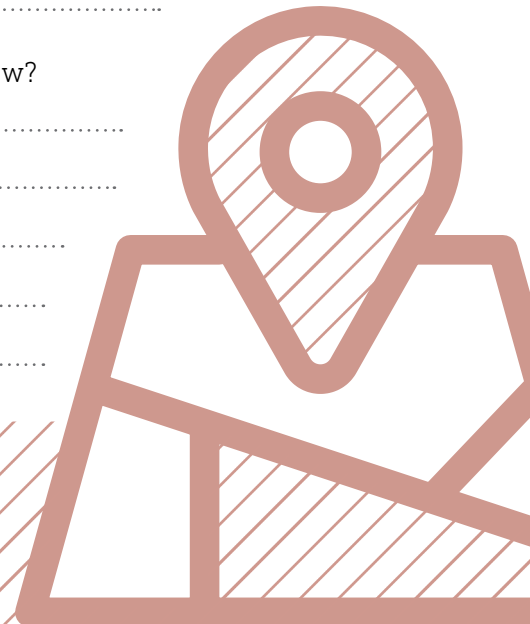
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John Savage's Petition

1. What means did John Savage use to obtain a township? What information does this document provide on John Savage's social status?

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2. To whom was this document addressed?

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3. What arguments does John Savage use to obtain a township?

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A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN JOHN SAVAGE

1. In what context was this document created?

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2. Is this a primary source or a secondary source? Explain your answer.

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ACTIVITÉ 4

LOYALISTS JOHN SAVAGE AND GILBERT HYATT: TWO PIONEERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

1. Why is the governor reluctant to give land to the Loyalists?

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2. According to the Constitutional Act, Loyalists must fulfill certain requirements in order to be entitled to land. What do Savage and Hyatt do to fulfill these requirements?

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3. These various documents pertaining to John Savage and Gilbert Hyatt tell us a great deal about their adventures as Loyalists. Using the information contained in these documents, describe their Eastern Townships adventure. Use the maps to help you in your description.

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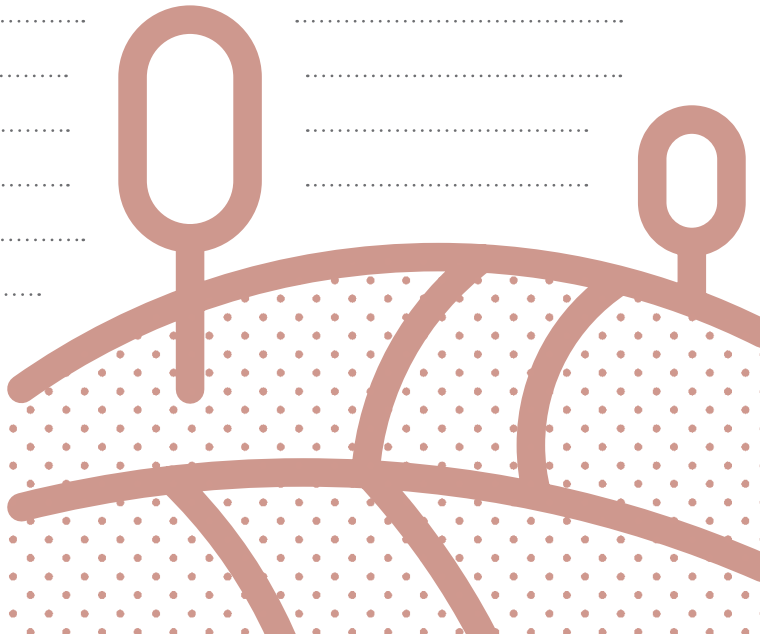
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ACTIVITY 5: RETURN AND REVIEW

IS THE SETTLEMENT OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BY THE LOYALISTS A MYTH OR IS IT REALITY?

It is now time to answer this question. To do so, use the information you gathered in the various documents at your disposal to formulate and illustrate your response.

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