

Sons of Liberty: An Interactive Activity

For this assignment, you'll need to access the Sons of Liberty activity at <http://www.mrtripodi.org/SOL/20.html>

As you choose your way through history, fill out this data sheet.

When you're finished with the activity – finished is defined as exploring at least three different outcomes – answer one of the two essay questions.

1. What's your occupation in this story?
2. What's been hurting business?
3. Describe the difference between your attitude toward Britain, and your business partner's.
4. What kind of tactics did the Sons of Liberty use to recruit new members?

Choose one of the outbound links ("sidetracks" or any links within the story).

Summarize it below using exactly 25 words.

5. Describe briefly one of your paths through this activity. What happened? What were the consequences?

Answer one of the three prompts. Suggested length: two paragraphs. Answer below, on a separate sheet, or on wiki.mrtripodi.org (post your URL below, or turn in a DSF).

1. What types of people were more or less likely to join the patriot cause? What were the risks of joining? What were the risks of *not* joining? Would you have joined the Sons of Liberty without knowing independence would prevail?
2. Have you ever had to decide between doing what's right and doing what's legal? Describe the circumstances, explain the choice you made, and the reasons you made the choice you did. Compare it to the choices you made in the activity.
3. Reflect on the following quotations, and how they applied to the Colonial America in the wake of the Stamp Act:

"There are always two parties; the establishment and the movement." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Taxation without representation is tyranny." -James Otis

In your own words, define the terms below:

TERRORIST:

PATRIOT:

Were the Sons of Liberty terrorists or patriots? Circle one.

Give three pieces of evidence supporting your position. Outside research is welcome.

1.

2.

3.