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**Wealthy Bostonian**

Johnny Beantown is a wealthy importer based in Boston, Massachusetts. Johnny imports fine China which includes silverware, tea kettles, and crystal. Johnny makes a great living, however times have been a bit tough recently. Colonists have been boycotting British goods and therefore he has not been able to make as much as he usually does. For some reason, the tea kettles are not selling as well as they used to. Johnny would love it if there was some way that he could make as much money as he used to and things could go back to normal.

Do you think Johnny is a loyalist, neutral, or a revolutionary? Explain why you feel this way.

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How would war with the British be beneficial to Johnny? How would it be harmful?

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**Georgia Farmer**

Thomas Peach owns a small farm 200 miles inland in the colony of Georgia. He grows rice and sells it to the local towns’ people. He is no where near rich, but most of the people in the town respect and like him and therefore buy the rice they need from him. Recently, Thomas has been receiving flyers about grievances people have with the British every time he goes to the center of town. Thomas is a bit confused by this and he doesn’t know what he should do.

Do you think Thomas is a loyalist, neutral, or a revolutionary? Explain why you feel this way.

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**Exporter from New York**

Walter B. Gotham runs a lucrative exporting business on the island of Manhattan. He takes refined sugar and exports it all over the world. There is only one problem—his business is totally illegal. Colonists are restricted to trading with the British and therefore he is in violation of British law. Walter has had this business for thirty years and has been very successful at it. Last month, the British Navy caught Walter, shut his business down, and made him pay a hefty fine. However, Walter found a new location and he has been operating from there ever since.

Do you think Walter is a loyalist, neutral, or a revolutionary? Explain why you feel this way.

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