

Roles in the American Revolution

Sorting Activity: Roles in the American Revolution

Each card describes a contribution, challenge, or historical detail about **Women**, **African Americans**, or **Native Americans** during the American Revolution. Your job is to read each card and sort it into the correct category.

Instructions:

1. Read each card carefully.
2. Decide whether it belongs under **Women**, **African Americans**, or **Native Americans**.
3. Sort the cards into three groups.
4. After sorting, create a three-column chart or write a short summary explaining:
 - What each group contributed
 - What challenges each group faced
 - How their experiences were similar or different

WOMEN

served as spies for the Continental Army

made clothing, blankets, and supplies for soldiers

followed the army as camp followers, cooking and caring for the sick

wrote letters and pamphlets supporting independence

helped raise money for the war effort

took over family responsibilities and managed households alone

ran farms, shops, and businesses while men were away fighting

AFRICAN AMERICANS

fought in the Continental Army and state militias

joined the British for a chance at freedom

served as drummers, laborers, and sailors

<p>faced the risk of being captured or re-enslaved</p>	<p>Some gained freedom for their service, while others did not.</p>
<p>helped spread information as messengers and guides</p>	<p>experienced broken promises from both sides after the war</p>
<p>NATIVE AMERICANS</p>	<p>chose sides based on which alliance would best protect their land</p>
<p>Some tribes supported the British; others supported the Patriots.</p>	<p>acted as scouts and guides during battles</p>
<p>lost land after the war, even if they helped the British</p>	<p>tried to remain neutral to avoid conflict</p>
<p>faced pressure from both sides to join the war</p>	<p>experienced disrupted villages and food shortages due to fighting</p>

Answer Key

Women

- ran farms, shops, and businesses while men were away fighting
- served as spies for the Continental Army
- made clothing, blankets, and supplies for soldiers
- followed the army as camp followers, cooking and caring for the sick
- wrote letters and pamphlets supporting independence
- helped raise money for the war effort
- took over family responsibilities and managed households alone

African Americans

- fought in the Continental Army and state militias
- joined the British for a chance at freedom
- served as drummers, laborers, and sailors
- faced the risk of being captured or re-enslaved
- Some gained freedom for their service, while others did not.
- helped spread information as messengers and guides
- experienced broken promises from both sides after the war


Native Americans

- chose sides based on which alliance would best protect their land
- Some tribes supported the British; others supported the Patriots.
- acted as scouts and guides during battles
- lost land after the war, even if they helped the British
- tried to remain neutral to avoid conflict
- faced pressure from both sides to join the war
- experienced disrupted villages and food shortages due to fighting

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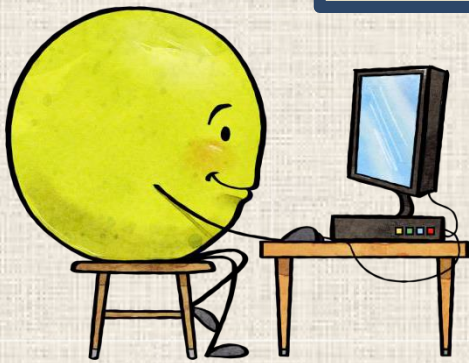
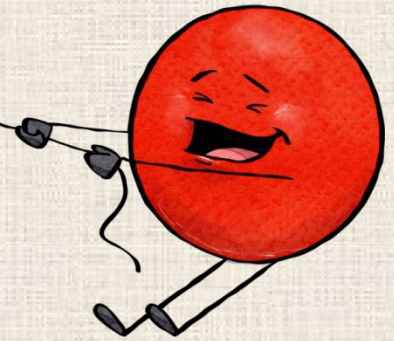
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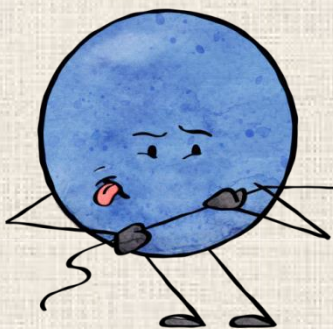


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