**Causes of the Revolution Debate – Neutralist**

**Directions:** Working with your partners or group, create a list of questions that address some of the potential issues below. Also create any arguments you can interject into the debate from a neutral position.

**Potential Issues:**

* Should all Colonists living in America pay taxes to help recover the French and Indian War debt?
* Does the British government have the right to tax the Colonists?
* What will you do if Parliament continues to tax the colonies? What will you do if they stop?
* Should the colonies go to war with Great Britain in order to gain their independence?
* How do you feel about the following events:
  + Boston Massacre
  + Boston Tea Party
  + Intolerable Acts

***Make a list of questions* *that are related to the issues above, from your character’s perspective.*** Use your S.S. notebook, textbook, or internet sources to help you form your questions. Your questions should be specific to the topics being discussed. Your goal will be to challenge both Patriots and Loyalists into convincing you they are right.

Ex: In talking about the Proclamation of 1763, why did we go to war against the French and Indians if Colonists can no longer settle west?

**What will you ask of both Patriots and Loyalists that will convince you to join their side? List 3-5.**

You will also need to ***list an argument or two that you could interject into the debate from a neutral position.*** Your arguments should be in the following format:

* Make a Claim
* Give specific evidence

Ex: The Proclamation of 1763 seems like it might not be a fair law because so many colonists fought to expand westward and now the King is not allowing them too.

**What will be your best arguments that address the potential issues? List them.**

***\*\*Use the back or a separate sheet of paper if needed.\*\****