**Causes of the Revolution Debate – Patriot / Loyalist**

**Directions:** Working with your partners or group, create a list of claims/arguments that address at least 3 of the potential issues below. Also anticipate the counter to your arguments.

**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 arguments that respond to the issues above, from your character’s perspective***. Use your S.S. notebook, textbook, or internet sources to help you form your arguments.

Your arguments should be in the following format:

* Make a Claim
* Give specific evidence
* Explain/support your reasoning

Ex: The Proclamation of 1763 was a fair law because so many colonists were dying at the hands of the Indians. The Colonists should be thankful that the King is protecting them and looking out for their best interests.

**What will be your best arguments that address the potential issues? List 3-5.**

You will also need to think about how your opponents will attempt to counter your claims in the debate. ***Provide a list of arguments that go against your claims.*** Also think about how you might respond to those.

**What are some possible arguments against your claims/statements? Provide one for each argument.**

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