

**Roles
of
Virginians
in the
American
Revolution
Mini-Book**

By _____

Virginia Patriots

Taking Sides:

Neutral:

Loyal:

Choose a role of a Virginian during the Revolutionary War that you think would present many challenges. Tell the role and explain the challenges.

VS.5b Roles of Virginians

American Indians

Women

**Free African
Americans**

**Enslaved African
Americans**

Teacher Directions:

1. Copy the template, one per student, on white or colorful paper.
2. Have students construct the mini-book using the directions below.
3. Students write details about each subtopic on the inside pages of the book. (Virginia Patriots, Taking Sides, Women, Enslaved African Americans, Free Americans, American Indians), to explain the roles of each group during the American Revolution.
4. For added rigor, have students answer the question on the back of the booklet.

How to Make a Mini-Book

1. Fold the template, which has been copied onto a 8½ x 11” piece of paper, in half (hamburger fold).
2. Fold it again into half (another hamburger fold).
3. Fold it in half one more time to make the small book (still another hamburger fold). This last fold is hard to crease. I roll it a bit first in the middle, then crease, to make it easier.
4. Open it all the way up. You will have 8 sections.
5. Fold it again (hamburger fold) so the fold is to the top.
6. Beginning at the fold, use scissors to cut down the center, stopping in the middle after just one panel, so you have a slit in the middle.
7. Open up, refold (hotdog fold). Crease it really well.
8. Holding the extreme left and right outside panels, Push your hands together until you create a window in the middle. At this point, I always tell kids to “look through the spy window to see me.”
9. Still holding the right and left edges, bring your hands completely together until your thumbs touch, to “close the window”. If you look from the top, you are now holding an X.
10. Next, collapse the X by folding the panels together to make the book. You will have 6 inside pages to this “mini-book.” The title, “Roles of Virginians n the American Revolution“ should be on the cover.

Most people need to have this demonstrated to have success!

Answer Key: taken from page 22 of the 2008 Curriculum Framework

Varied roles of whites, enslaved African Americans, free African Americans, and American Indians in the Revolutionary War era

Virginia patriots served in the Continental Army and fought for independence, leading to the British surrender at Yorktown.

Some Virginians were **neutral** and did not take sides, while other Virginians remained **loyal** to Great Britain.

Women took on more responsibilities to support the war effort.