Not everyone in the	supported the \	War for Independence. Th	here were many who
supported Britain in the conflict and Loyalists.			
With the war now over, the questio	n of what would become	of those	to Britain? Many
would flee the Thirteen Colonies on			
When the Treaty of Paris (1783) was	s signed, those loyal to Bri	itain were afforded	
and it was made possible for them t	o leave for either Britain,	or other British colonies.	·
Governor Carleton was eager to rec			
Some migrated across land crossing			
in places such as Windsor, Niagara F			,
Others were transported by ships le			nd for Nova Scotia,
New Brunswick and Quebec.	U		,
Between 1782 and 1784 close to	Lov	valists migrated to BNA. v	with approximately
35 000 families settling in Nova Scot			
included what is today southern On		·	,
Loyalist migrants in Nova Scotia (wh	•	he modern province of N	lew Brunswick) came
to outnumber the resident population			
they began demanding more political			
Upon creation, the new colony was	·	•	
As for the Loyalist migrants to Queb			
to the wes	•	-	-
in the southeastern Quebec.	,	o .	
With so many English-speaking, Pro-	testant Loyalists entering	BNA the demographics of	of the colony were
irrevocably altered. A result of this i	· -	= -	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
land.			
The comm	unity of Quebec swelled t	o become 9% of the pop	ulation, a sizeable
minority.			,
While loyal to the British Crown, the	ese Lovalists came to dem	and and expect a full ran	ge of
-	nething that their Yankee	-	=
lacking in Quebec.			
In response to the growing call for c	hange. Governor General	Carleton decided to repl	ace the Quebec Act.
with the of	=		400 tile Quebeel (60)
The Constitutional Act recognized th		ant groups in the colony	: English and French.
Each having different religious, polit		• , ,	•
	indication regardance in the second of the	wen as anrelent coonen	me and land eviling
The Constitution Act recognized the	se differences by dividing	Quehec into	Canada
(modern day Ontario) and	· -	<u> </u>	Canado
Lower Canada would retain its			aditions while the
newly formed Upper Canada would			
, , ,	vould receive preferential	• .	• ,
Each colony would have its own cap	•	-	
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(present-a	ay Niagara-on-the-Lake, C	mianoj wodiu serve as tr	ie capital ol oppel

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Canada.

Each colony would have an elected assembly as well as	, the legis	slative council and
he executive council, both of which would be made up		
While the elected assembly could make decisions, these		
either council, by the lieutenant-governor or by the Gov		,
The Loyalists that migrated to what became Upper and	Lower Canada, Nova Scotia and N	ew Brunswick
were not a group. They represe	ented a cross-section of society at	that time:
wealthy and poor, young and old, male and female. The		
Nations descent.		
Their reasons for migrating were varied. Some were fro	m Britain and wanted to live unde	r British laws and
customs. Some found life in America intolerable, choosi	ng to leave rather than deal with t	the
of the Americans against those	who had remained Loyal to Brita	in.
Some were conscientious objectors, who for religious re	asons would not fight for either s	ide. People such
as the To the Americans, a new	utral person was just as guilty as t	hose who fought
for the British, and so they too chose to migrate north.		
Others were referred to as, peo	ople who moved north to take ad [,]	vantage of the
offer of free land.		
While some Loyalists that immigrated were wealthy, a g	reat many weren't and were only	able to bring
with them what they could carry. Once in BNA, many ha	id to wait years for to take posses	sion of their
, and when they arrived they fo		
By necessity, the Loyalists were forced to become	, building a nev	w life for
hemselves from scratch.		
Many had the required skills to be		
rears, while many did not and decided to emigrate back	to the United States, or to Britain	າ rather than
enduring the hardship they were experiencing.		
n order to survive, it was necessary for Loyalists to wor		_
winters, with or sickness, in bu		
Additional help came from local	_ peoples that shared their corn s	tores during an
especially harsh winter in 1794.		
Many Loyalists were First Nations people who had decid		Caught in the
middle was the Six Nations Cor		
While initially neutral, many First Nations chose to ally t		=
do so by Konwatsi'tsiaienni (Molly Brant) and her brothe		
vere influential leaders. It was		
peoples the best chance at retaining their territories in t	•	_
nations that allied with the British included the Iroquois		d Seneca.
Despite their loyalty, these First Nations were ignored in		
Thayendanegea travelled to London to make a case for		
rederick Haldimand, awarded the Six Nations	hectares of land r	north of Lake Erie
along the Grand River. By 1828 the Six Nations had lost		

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• ,	•	and the pursuit of happiness," for
slaves, noth		
Slaves were unable to vote, marry, co		7. They were the literal
	<u> </u>	unmore issued Dunmore's Proclamation in listed with the
•	•	rtificate of Freedom, and any person bearing
From April to November 1783 approx	ximately	Black Loyalists were transported to BNA.
Other African American's came to BN still slaves and did not receive their f		Loyalists. Such people were
received this land. Despite the promi	ises, it was the intention	emigrated to BNA, Black Loyalists rarely of British authorities that these "free" Black
peoples would become the	of the White	population rather than independent farmers.
Life for the	of Black Loyalists was litt	le better in BNA than it had been in the USA.
was an end	emic part of life in BNA a	s it was in the USA. When a Black woman was
caught stealing less than a shilling (a	few cents) she was giver	n 200 lashes as punishment. A White person
in the same situation would have mo	ost likely received a fine.	
In1787 a British Anti-Slavery Society	announced that they we	re going to establish a new colony in
on the west	t coast of Africa. Due to c	ircumstances such as those faced by Black
Loyalists in Nova Scotia, more than 1 new life for themselves in Africa.	200 Black Loyalists chose	e to in 1792 for Sierra Leone to try and make a

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- 1. Thinking in terms of Historical Perspective, what do you see as the inherent pros and cons of the Constitutional Act for the Loyalists settled in Upper Canada? For the Canadiens in Lower Canada? For the British administration?
- 2. First Nations had been betrayed by Britain at the negotiating table before. Take a historical perspective to consider why Konwatsi'tsiaienni and Thayendanegea still decided to help Britain.
- 3. Thinking in terms of Continuity and Change, what could have happened to the American revolutionary leaders if Britain had won the War? How might the lives of Loyalists, First Nations and Black peoples have been different? What would have been the effect on Canada today?