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### Objectives

At the end of this PowerPoint lesson, students will be able to:

1. Discuss the reason for the Loyalists' arrival to The Bahamas.
2. Discuss the social and cultural improvements brought on by the arrival of the Loyalists.

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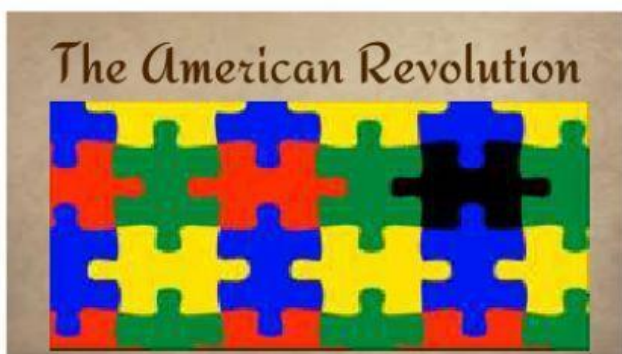
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The Loyalists lived in the southern states in America. They were called Loyalists because they were loyal to England, and did not want to be independent.




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George Washington at the White House, and other military officials around the Battery in New York in 1783. (c. 1880). Howard Chandler Christy.

After the war,  
Loyalists:

Had their land taken away

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After the war, Loyalists:

Were tarred and feathered

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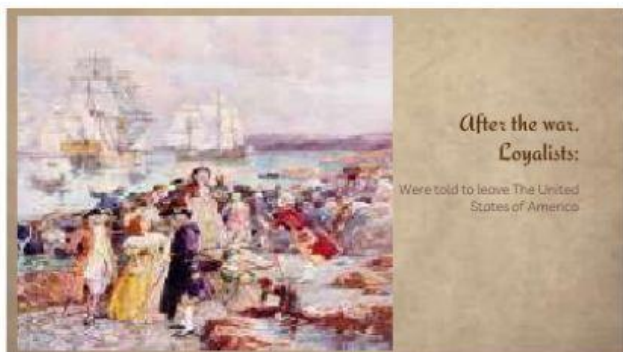
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### Eventually, the cotton plantations failed because:

- Of poor management.
- The soils were worn-out.
- Bugs (the chenille and red bugs) attacked, and destroyed the cotton trees.
- Of careless planting methods.

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### When the cotton plantations failed:

- Some Loyalists moved from other Bahamian islands to New Providence.
- Some Loyalists moved to islands in the Caribbean.
- Some
- Of careless planting methods.

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### The main occupation of Loyalists living on Abaco was ship building.



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John Wells started the first newspaper called *The Bahama Gazette*.




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Two churches built by the Loyalists on New Providence Island were:

• St. Matthew's Church



• Christ Church Cathedral




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The Loyalists increased the population of The Bahamas by bringing their slaves with them.




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### How did the Loyalists improve the social and cultural life in The Bahamas?




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### How did the Loyalists improve the economy in The Bahamas?




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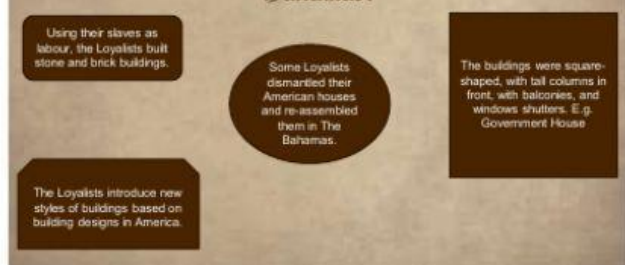
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### What did the Loyalists build/make in The Bahamas?




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What did the Loyalists build/make in The Bahamas?

They built forts, e.g. Fort Charlotte




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What did the Loyalists build/make in The Bahamas?

They built the Senate building in Nassau.




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What did the Loyalists build/make in The Bahamas?

Built new buildings, e.g. Vendue House, Government House




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### What did the Loyalists build/make in The Bahamas?

Built a jail



They built the Queen's Staircase




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### Political Contributions made by the Loyalists

The number of representatives in the House of Assembly increased to 24. The MPs represented the islands of Abaco, Exuma, Cat Island, Andros, New Providence, Eleuthera, Harbour Island.




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The slaves brought their customs and beliefs with them to The Bahamas, including:

- Bush medicine
- Asue
- Junkanoo
- Games
- Storytelling
- Food
- Dance
- Obeah




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