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11. Describe how the Virginia constitution was set up. (pg. 193)
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13. Who was given the most power under the Articles of Confederation? (pg. 195)
14. Who were the loyalists? Why were they willing to fight longer than the Patriots? (pg. 196)
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