**African Americans and the War**

African Americans faced a difficult decision during the Revolutionary War. Should they join the Revolution? And….with whom should they fight?

On one hand… the new Declaration said “all men are created equal.” Would independence bring an end to slavery? This was their home and their hope was for their own freedom.

On the other hand…. the British promised freedom to all slaves who fought for them and they were the ones expected to win.

**Debate**:

Pretend you are an African American slave living during Revolutionary War times. Would you agree or disagree with this statement?

African American slaves should have fought for the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War.

**My Thoughts**:

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