Scenarios for Narrative Writing

1. You are a Patriot colonist who believes that independence from the British is necessary. You and your 3 sons have enlisted in the Continental Army. At first the fighting is rough and you get news that your youngest son has been killed in battle and that your oldest son is missing. What is your reaction and how do you intend to proceed at this point?

2. You are a Loyalist colonist, and your brother has just informed you that he has enlisted in the Continental Army to fight the British. You are shocked that your brother has taken such action. What is your response as a Loyalist and a brother?

3. You are neither a Patriot nor Loyalist who lives in the surrounding towns of Boston. You have heard of all of the protesting and have had discussions with many people over the issues of fighting for independence. On an early morning in April, you are awakened by the noise of British soldiers shooting outside of your home. What do you do?

4. You are a dedicated Patriot woman, whose husband has been serving in the Continental Army for almost a year. You want to help the Patriot cause in any way possible, but you also have three young children. What should you do?

5. You are a slave in Pennsylvania, and your owner just asked if you would join him in fighting for the local militia. You support the cause for American independence and know the militia is in need of men, but you wonder if this “freedom” people are fighting for will ever make a difference for you or your family. The “United States” could be better than Great Britain, the same, or maybe even worse. What do you do--fight or stay home?