The World Turned Upside Down

* America was divided in the war of independence
* About half of the people were loyalists
* All of the non-loyalists made fun of and torured the loyalists
* Hannah was upset because of this
* All of the loyalist properties were given to the non-loyalists
* All the property was displayed out front of ‘The King’s Halls’
* Most of the British soldiers were killed and driven away from their homes
* Hannah’s father was arrested because he was a loyalist
* There was more than 50,000 loyalists were leaving to Canada
* Everyone had to live in tents
* The loyalists had to make their own houses in the ‘new land’
* Winter was harsh and came quickly
* It took a while before they got a windowless and floorless house
* After winter they made a farm and a school was ‘close’ by

Summary

At the beginning we are told that Hannah is a young loyalist living at a 93 acre farm. She has to walk 3 miles to school every day. At school she is teased and tortured because of her family’s decision. All around her, people she and her family had known all their lives were turning against them. Even her best friend now hated her. After arriving at home, the non-loyalists came and confiscated all of her property. Most of the people who destroyed her family’s farm were people who had helped to build it. After this had happened, they waited for a long time for the war to end and her father to return. In the end, the patriots won the war and drove the loyalists out of the country. Hannah’s father was then returned to his family and helped to pack up to leave for Canada. But almost as soon as he returned, he was arrested for his ‘crimes’ and was returned to his family the next day to migrate north. Almost half of the country had migrated north or was still to go. In Nova Scotia they had to live in tents. It was cold and almost every got a cold. Then they had to migrate north still more up river for eight days straight before they got to a good place to make a house. Then, they still had to wander for a few more days until they made camp and found a fresh water source. After this was complete they had to make an almost incomplete house without a door or floor. Afterwards they build a school and a farm in their new land, Canada.

What I would do

I would join the patriots and then I would get many advantages such as getting other loyalists stuff!

Major Challenges

They had to leave all they knew behind, unless they dared to stay.

They had to lose family members, and property their family had lived on and owned for generations.

The children’s education fell behind and they lost most of their friends and family.

It must have hurt to have had tar and feather poured onto you

Diary

Dear Diary,

Today was the happiest day of my life. After months of traveling and sleeping in a tent, we finally have a roof. Father built the log house all by himself. He is proud of it and so am I. Before this we were living on the road, not that there was any, and the ground was very hard and cold to sleep on. Now we can sleep under a roof, and in a few days we will have a floor. This morning we had the greatest meal for a long time, toast and butter. It was so good after eating road rations for what felt like an eternity. I do miss our old home in New York and I am sad, I also miss Grandma. But then again, every we knew there is different, and they have all turned against us. It was nice to get away from them. John still misses blacky, I wish we could have taken him as well. According to father, there will be a school around here next year, and my brother will be able to start. I sure he will have fun.

Hannah