Iroquois back out

- The British and French "are quarreling about lands which belong to us...And such a quarrel as this may end in out destruction"
- They believed the French to be stronger
 - joined neither side

Ben Franklin provides a plan

- Albany Plan of Union
 - centralized government for all colonies
 - Grand Council
 - make laws, tax, set up defense
 - Not a single colonial assembly accepted!

Pros and Cons

- French
 - Centralized government
 - fewer colonists
 - greater Native support

- British
 - Approval from all 13 colonies needed for any action
 - greater population
 - strong navy