

# Who's Who and What's What of the American Revolution

Use your Unit 2 binder materials to identify the following people and events of the American Revolution.

1. I am a lawyer and politician. I helped defend British soldiers after the Boston Massacre since I believed that even the enemy should get a fair trial. I also was on the committee to write the Declaration of Independence. **John Adams**
2. Because of my fear of losing the American colonies and possibly my empire, I tried to maintain an aggressive policy against colonial resistance. **King George III**
3. "I am not a Virginian, but an American." "Give me liberty, or give me death!" "If this be treason, make the most of it!" I was fiery speaker and patriot from Virginia. **Patrick Henry**
4. I helped start the Sons of Liberty and committees of correspondence. I played a key role in many events that led to the American Revolution. **Sam Adams**
5. I was a soldier in the French and Indian which showed my great ability to lead. I was chosen to the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolution. **George Washington**
6. I am considered to be the first shots of the American Revolution. **Lexington**
7. I am considered to be the first real battle of the American Revolution. **Concord**
8. Part African and part Native American, I am considered the first person killed at the Boston Massacre. **Crispus Attucks**
9. "We hold these truths to be self-evident". These were part of my words as I was the chief writer of the Declaration of Independence. **Thomas Jefferson**
10. I led a Vermont militia group, the Green Mountain Boys. Early in the war, we seized Fort Ticonderoga—a British fort with a strategic location on Lake Champlain that was rich in military supplies—and hauled the canons through the snow back to Boston. George Washington used these canons to force the British out of Boston! **Ethan Allen**
11. I was a true Patriot and helped forced the British to retreat from New York. I later betrayed my country by giving plans to take over a key fort, West Point, to the British. I then became an officer in the British army. **Benedict Arnold**
12. My battle showed the British that the Americans could fight much better than expected and the war would last longer than originally thought. **Battle of Bunker Hill**
13. "Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors." I am an early advocate of women's rights. I wrote my husband often reminding him to remember us ladies while declaring independence. **Abigail Adams**
14. Being the president of the Second Continental Congress, I signed the Declaration of Independence really big so King George III could see my signature without his eye piece. **John Hancock**
15. "These are the times that try men's souls." I wrote these lines in *The American Crisis*. I saw the declining morale of the Americans and wanted to inspire them to continue with the war for independence. Washington read this to his troops to inspire them to continue fighting. **Thomas Paine**
16. "I only regret that I but one life to lose for my country." A school teacher from Connecticut turned spy for the Americans, I was caught and hung. **Nathan Hale**
17. Washington crossed me, a physical feature, on his way to defeat the Hessians. **Delaware River**
18. I am where Washington defeated the Hessians the day after Christmas. Boy, that Washington is sneaky. **Trenton**

19. I am the turning point of the American Revolution. After the American victory, the French signed a treaty of alliance and now openly supported the American Patriots. **Saratoga**
20. In Pennsylvania, I am where Gen. Washington and the Continental Army spent the winter of 1777-1778. During this time, they trained and tried to survive many problems with lack of food, shelter and adequate clothing. **Valley Forge**
21. I am a French nobleman who was inspired by the Declaration of Independence and came to join the patriots. I became a loyal friend and trusted aide to Gen. Washington. **Marquis de Lafayette**
22. A former German officer, I came to help Washington at Valley Forge. I trained the men with drills and gave them military discipline. My efforts turned them into an effective fighting force instead of a rag-tag group of men. **Frederich Von Steuben**
23. Captain of the *Bonhomme Richard*, I am known to have said "I have not yet begun to fight" when asked to surrender my ship. Instead, I went on to win that battle against the British *Serapis* and became a naval hero. **John Paul Jones**
24. I led soldiers in the west. I am given credit for strengthening the Patriot's position in the west with my victory at Vincennes. **George Rogers Clark**
25. Commander of the British forces in the South. I figured out I couldn't control the areas in the south I had captured due to the guerilla warfare style of fighting of the Americans. I was forced to move more north into Virginia where I was defeated at Yorktown. **General Cornwallis**
26. Even though Spain, my country, was neutral, I still helped the Patriots with loaning money and allowing the use of the port of New Orleans. When Spain declared war on Britain in 1779, I raised an army to fight British forts along the Gulf of Mexico. **Bernardo de Galvez**
27. The Marquis de Lafayette needed me, a slave, to gather military information about the British. I was later freed. **James Armistead**
28. I was the commander of more than 5,000 French soldiers. I aided the Patriots by joining Washington at Yorktown. **General Rochambeau**
29. I was the French naval commander who helped trap British Gen. Cornwallis and the British army in Virginia along the Chesapeake Bay. **Admiral Francois de Grasse**
30. I am considered to be the last major battle of the American Revolution. The British decided, after their defeat here, that the war was too costly to continue. **Yorktown**
31. I officially ended the American Revolution. Due to me, the British recognized the US as an independent country and set the borders of the US from the Atlantic to the Mississippi River and north from Canada to Spanish Florida. **Treaty of Paris of 1783**
32. I helped to secure a treaty of alliance with the French after Saratoga. I also represented the US along with John Adams and John Jay to work out a peace treaty with Britain. **Ben Franklin**
33. A Polish immigrant, I am considered a financial hero. I was an active member of the New York Sons of Liberty. I helped raise most of the money needed to finance the American Revolution. **Haym Solomon**
34. A free African-American, I made an all-night ride, like Paul Revere, from Boston to New Hampshire warning my community of a British invasion. But, you don't hear any poems about me. **Wentworth Cheswell**
35. I published poems and plays about the political drama surrounding the events that led to the American Revolution. My husband inspired me with his beliefs of no taxation without representation. I also wrote books about the American Revolution using my first-hand experience that would be very valuable. **Mercy Otis Warren**