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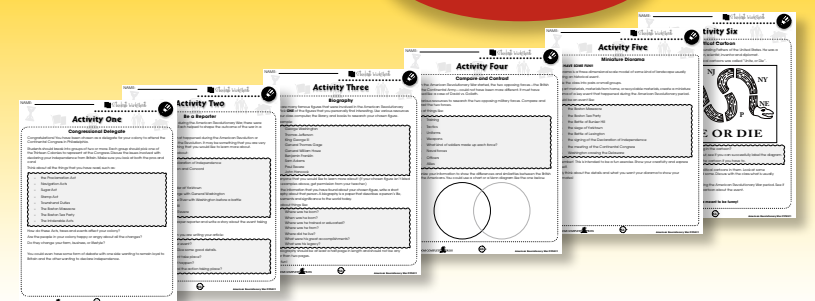


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Major Figures



1. Can you name any major figure in the Revolutionary War?

2. Who was George Washington and why do you think he was important?

3. Who was Thomas Jefferson? What do you know about him?

4. Match the word on the left to its meaning on the right.

1	plantation	the officer who holds the supreme command	A
2	nickname	the actions and activities assigned to or required or expected of a person or group	B
3	role	an estate where cash crops are grown on a large scale	C
4	pamphlets	consider in a comprehensive way	D
5	commander-in-chief	an unbound printed work	E
6	survey	a descriptive name added to or replacing the actual name of a person, place or thing	F



Major Figures



There were many people that played important roles during the **American Revolution**.

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He went to school until he was fifteen. Washington then trained and worked as a land surveyor. When his brother died, he received the family property and returned there to be a farmer on the **plantation**. He married Martha Custis and got more land through his marriage to her. Their main house was on a Virginia plantation called **Mount Vernon**.



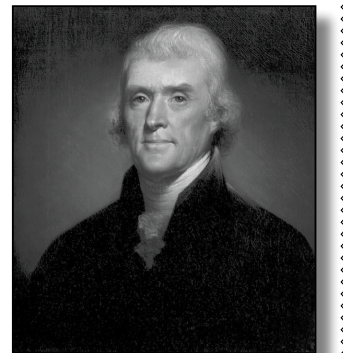
Washington was made the **commander** of the **Virginia Militia** in 1755. He served as an officer in the French and Indian War. He was said to be witty and charming and was a great leader of men. He was also well respected. Because of his experience, he was made the **commander-in-chief** of the **Continental Army** in 1775 when the war started. He led the army in the northern colonies. Washington retreated out of New York and lost the town. However, he re-crossed the **Delaware River** in the winter and surprised the British at **Trenton** and **Princeton**. He helped the army survive a tough winter at **Valley Forge**. He moved the army south in 1781 to meet the southern army. They trapped **Cornwallis** and the British at **Yorktown**. There, Cornwallis **surrendered** his army to Washington.

What battles did George Washington fight in?



After the war ended in 1783, Washington returned to his plantation to farm. He came back into politics in 1787 to help write the **U.S. Constitution**. Washington became the first **president** of the United States in 1789 and served until 1797. He is often called the "**Father of our country**" because of all he did during the **Revolution** and the forming of the United States.

Thomas Jefferson was born on April 13, 1743 in Virginia. He was well educated and became a lawyer. He also had many other talents. He was an architect and an inventor. He loved the law and politics as well as music and education. Before the Revolution, Jefferson wrote many **pamphlets** for the **Patriot** side. He was one of the main writers of the **Declaration of Independence**. He was very concerned with the rights of the colonists. He felt that all people had the right to "**life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness**".



Major Figures



1. Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

- a) George Washington was born on:
- A February 2, 1732.
- B February 22, 1732.
- C February 12, 1723.
- D February 22, 1723.
- b) George Washington served as an officer in the:
- A German and Thirteen Colonies War.
- B French and Indian War.
- C Native and British War.
- D World War II.
- c) Thomas Jefferson was:
- A an architect and inventor.
- B a lawyer.
- C one of the main writers of the Declaration of Independence.
- D all of the above.
- d) General Thomas Gage:
- A was an American general during the Revolution.
- B joined the British Army in 1640.
- C ordered British troops to seize weapons in Concord.
- D was the British governor of New York.
- e) General William Howe:
- A captured George Washington at the Battle of Bunker Hill.
- B successfully captured Philadelphia in September of 1777.
- C was the British commander-in-chief during the French and Indian War.
- D was a French nobleman.
- f) Baron Von Steuben was:
- A a captain in the German army.
- B an admiral in the French navy.
- C commander-in-chief of the Continental army.
- D a captain in the Prussian army.



Major Figures



2. Unscramble the words below to find a true statement about the passage.

- a) George _____ went to school until he was _____ years old.
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- b) George Washington's main _____ was on a Virginia _____.
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- c) Thomas _____ became a _____.
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- d) Jefferson was also an _____ and an _____.
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- e) General Thomas _____ fought for the _____.
egga mthsbr
- f) Gage was _____ Honest _____.
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- g) General William Howe fought in the _____ and _____ War.
chnefr iindan
- h) Howe admired the _____ and this was a problem because he did not want to _____ them.
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- i) Baron Von Steuben was a _____ in the Prussian _____.
nelaapt ryam
- h) King George III was the _____ of _____ for 60 years, until his death.
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Research & Application

3. Do some research on your favorite major figure of the American Revolutionary War and write a one-page essay describing that person's achievements and role in the war.



Crossword Puzzle!

Word List

- acts
- Boston
- Cornwallis
- Delaware
- France
- George
- Independence
- Jefferson
- massacre
- Revere
- Stamp
- Tea Party
- Washington
- Yorktown

Across

- The protest where five civilians were killed was later called the Boston _____.
- On July 4, 1776, Continental Congress signed the Declaration of _____.
- He made his famous ride to warn the colonists that the British were coming.
- The Boston _____ was a bunch of Colonists dressed like Native Americans who dumped tea off the ships in the harbor.
- One of the major towns in the Thirteen Colonies and the site of many protests.
- This British general surrendered his army at Yorktown.
- The _____ Act was a law that passed, which taxed all newspapers, documents and pamphlets.

Down

- Commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.
- Washington crossed this river in winter to attack Trenton and Princeton.
- King _____ III was the ruler of England during the Revolution.
- He helped write the Declaration of Independence.
- The British made their final surrender after the siege of this town.
- They joined the war in 1778 to help the colonists fight Britain.
- Laws passed by the British were called _____.

Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are even written backwards.

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|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| BOSTON | FRENCH | MASSACRE | REVOLUTION | THIRTEEN |
| BRITISH | GAGE | MISSISSIPPI | SETTLERS | TREATY |
| CAPTAIN | INDEPENDENCE | PHILADELPHIA | STAMP | WASHINGTON |
| COLONIES | JEFFERSON | PROCLAMATION | TAXES | YORKTOWN |
| CORNWALLIS | LIBERTY | REBELLION | TEA | |



Comprehension Quiz

Part 1

Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- George Washington was born in February 1732.
TRUE FALSE
- The Thirteen colonies were founded by French Settlers.
TRUE FALSE
- The Treaty of Paris was signed in 1763.
TRUE FALSE
- British General Gage ordered his troops to search Concord.
TRUE FALSE
- Ten settlers were killed at the Boston Massacre.
TRUE FALSE
- The colonies didn't mind paying the taxes as long as the British stayed away from their new land.
TRUE FALSE
- The British soldiers were often referred to as "redcoats and lobster backs" by the colonists.
TRUE FALSE
- General William Howe was a British Nobleman.
TRUE FALSE

Part 2

Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

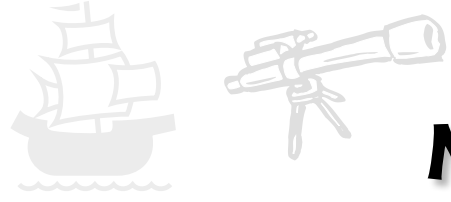
- Britain made a law called the Proclamation Act in:
 A 1762.
 B 1763.
 C 1726.
 D 1736.
- The Townshend Duties put taxes on:
 A tea.
 B paint.
 C other shipped goods.
 D all of the above.
- During the war, America was helped by:
 A Spain.
 B France.
 C both A and B.
 D none of the above.
- George Washington was the Commander-in-chief of what army?
 A British Army
 B French Army
 C Colonial Army
 D Continental Army

Washington Crossing the Delaware

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NAME: _____

After You Read 



Major Figures

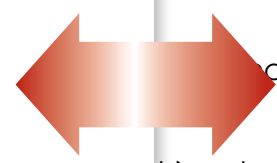


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2.

- a) Washington, fifteen
- b) house, plantation
- c) Jefferson, lawyer
- d) architect, inventor
- e) Gage, British
- f) nicknamed, Tom
- g) British, Indian
- h) colonists, fight
- i) Captain, Army
- j) King, England



EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

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3.

Answers may vary.

