

Celebrities of the American Revolution

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Abigail Adams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her letters have given us insight into debates at the Continental Congress. • Wanted women’s rights in the Declaration to give women a voice in government. 	
John Adams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveled to European countries as a diplomat and obtained the first loan from the Netherlands. • On the Committee of Five for writing the Declaration. • Negotiated the Treaty of Paris 	
James Armistead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slave who spied on the British for the Continental Army. • Brought info to Lafayette that helped Americans win the Battle of Yorktown. 	
Wentworth Cheswell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free African American who made a midnight ride and fought in the Battle of Saratoga. • Later became a historian, school master, and judge—the first African American elected to public office. 	
Benjamin Franklin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the Committee of Five for writing the Declaration • Went to France as a diplomat for the U.S. and persuaded the French to support the Americans. • Negotiated the Treaty of Paris 	
Bernardo de Galvez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish military officer who led attacks on the British forces in the South. • Gave supplies to American troops. • Only let Americans use the port of New Orleans. 	
Mary Ludwig Hays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Molly Pitcher” • Brought water to soldiers in battle. • When her husband collapsed at a cannon, she took his place at the cannon. 	
King George III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King of England during the Revolutionary War • Hired German soldiers called Hessians to fight for the British 	

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Thomas Jefferson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote the Declaration of Independence • Served as Governor of Virginia during the war. 	
John Paul Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American naval officer/ hero who raided British ports • He refused to surrender until the British surrendered. His victory was the first for an American warship, which boosted American morale 	
Marquis de Lafayette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French army officer who aided Washington • Led American troops & trapped Cornwallis at Yorktown • His support of American independence led others in France to support the Americans. 	
Thomas Paine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote Common Sense to encourage independence from England. • Wrote 16 pamphlets called The American crisis to encourage American troops. 	
Paul Revere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warned colonists the British were marching to Concord to seize weapons and arrest leaders. • Provided American troops with gunpowder and made cannons. 	
Haym Salomon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewish immigrant and banker who secured financial aid for the American war effort. • Personally gave interest-free loans to American leaders and military (many were never repaid) 	
Friedrich von Steuben	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prussian soldier who trained the Continental Army at Valley Forge. • Wrote a manual and trained a model company. • Led men at Yorktown. 	
George Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commander of the Continental Army. • Led troops across the Delaware River. • Kept troops together at Valley Forge. • Accepted the British surrender at Yorktown. 	