

THE PEOPLE

Heroes and Leaders Who Helped Build America

1. KING GEORGE III



TRAIT: Determination

KNOWN FOR: King of Great Britain during the American Revolution. He believed the colonies should remain under British rule.

FUN FACT: The Declaration of Independence was written partly to explain why the colonists believed King George had violated their rights.

2. GEORGE WASHINGTON



TRAIT: Integrity

KNOWN FOR: Commander of the Continental Army and first President of the United States.

FUN FACT: Washington led the army through many hardships and helped win American independence.

3. JOHN ADAMS



TRAIT: Courage

KNOWN FOR: A leading voice for independence and the second President of the United States.

FUN FACT: He strongly supported the Declaration of Independence when many people were still uncertain.

4. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



TRAIT: Wisdom

KNOWN FOR: Inventor, writer, diplomat, and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

FUN FACT: Franklin helped persuade France to support America during the Revolutionary War.

5. THOMAS JEFFERSON



TRAIT: Vision

KNOWN FOR: Principal author of the Declaration of Independence and third President of the United States.

FUN FACT: Jefferson wrote the famous words about Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

6. PAUL REVERE



TRAIT: Alertness

KNOWN FOR: Warning the colonists that British troops were coming.

FUN FACT: His midnight ride helped prepare the colonists for battle.

7. BETSY ROSS



TRAIT: Service

KNOWN FOR: Tradition says she sewed one of the first American flags.

FUN FACT: She suggested using a five-pointed star because it was easier to cut.

8. MOLLY PITCHER



TRAIT: Perseverance

KNOWN FOR: Helping soldiers during battles by carrying water and assisting artillery crews.

FUN FACT: When her husband became unable to fight, she reportedly took his place at the cannon.

9. PATRICK HENRY



TRAIT: Boldness

KNOWN FOR: Giving speeches encouraging Americans to defend their liberty.

FUN FACT: He is remembered for saying, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

11. ABIGAIL ADAMS



TRAIT: Wisdom

KNOWN FOR: Encouraging America's leaders to remember principles of fairness and virtue.

FUN FACT: She frequently advised her husband, John Adams, through letters that still exist today.

10. SAMUEL ADAMS



TRAIT: Leadership

KNOWN FOR: Helping organize resistance to British policies and encouraging independence.

FUN FACT: He played an important role in the events leading to the Boston Tea Party.

**GREAT PEOPLE
MAKE A
GREAT NATION!**



"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

— Mahatma Gandhi

Their courage, faith, and choices helped build the United States of America!