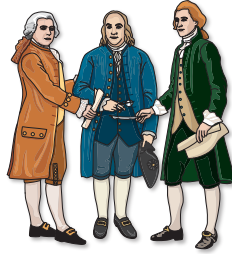


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This book is dedicated to my husband, Jeff, who has helped me appreciate that each day is a gift, and to my band of patriots—Clarisse, Jesse, and Jeremy, the Daughter and Sons of Liberty.

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How to Use This Book

For Children...

Make articulated paper dolls of ten of the most important people from the American Revolution. Cut them out, put them together, and then use your imagination to make them come to life. The figures come in pairs—one waiting for your artistic touches of color and the other ready to cut and assemble.

Travel through time with your moving historical paper dolls as you act out the real stories of history or make up your own. Make puppets with string, craft sticks or pipe cleaners, or try producing a stop-motion animation clip using magnets or felt.

For Parents and Educators...

Famous Figures of the American Revolution provides hands-on activities that will inspire the imagination and creativity of your children, whether they are eager learners who continually want more or reluctant students who need some motivation to learn.

Sharpen your children's storytelling abilities and fine motor skills with ten historical figures that come ready to cut and assemble. The figures are printed on sturdy paper and, when assembled with mini brads, are able to really move! Hole punches and mini brads are available at most craft stores and school supply stores as well as on our website.

The illustrations in this book are in true-to-period costume. Two versions of each figure are included: colored pages for children who want to focus on the assembly and use of the figures and line drawings for those who like to add their own creativity with colored pencils, markers, or paint. The back of each figure is labeled by name for easy identification.

Supply your children with meaningful and easy-to-use activities that will ignite their interest in history and encourage them to discover more about the great men and women of the past. Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross, and Thomas Jefferson will come alive as children create their articulated puppets. Use this book independently or combine it with any history curriculum that covers the American Revolution.

A suggested reading list is included for each historical figure. Internet-linked coloring pages, puzzles, and activities are available at FiguresInMotion.com.

For Museums and Historical Reenactors...

Inform and educate children about leaders from the American Revolution as they visit your museum's collection or special exhibition. Let children take home a remembrance of their experience at your museum with *Famous Figures of the American Revolution*.

The *Famous Figures* series is also useful in generating interest for historical reenactments. Costumes are meticulously drawn and historically accurate.

PATRIOTS OF THE REVOLUTION

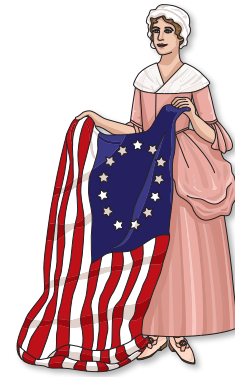
Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), one of the most famous statesmen in history, was also a printer and an inventor. Starting out as an apprentice to his brother, Franklin perfected his writing style while mastering the printer's trade. He published articles, newspapers, and *Poor Richard's Almanac*, and he printed Pennsylvania's paper currency. Franklin invented the lightning rod and a stove that reduced chimney smoke, and he experimented with electricity. He also established the first public library, the first fire department, a police force, and the Academy of Philadelphia.

The American colonies chose Franklin to represent them with the Native Americans, Great Britain, and France. In England, he attempted to negotiate a new charter for Pennsylvania and worked to repeal the Stamp Act. Franklin was a member of the Second Continental Congress and helped draft the Declaration of Independence. He was also one of the signers of the Treaty of Paris.



Betsy Ross (1752-1836) was a seamstress in Philadelphia who made flags for the military. She experienced many hardships during the war, but through all her difficulties, she worked at her business and took care of her family.

Betsy's grandson first made her involvement with the flag public. He said that, in May of 1776, George Washington visited her and requested that she make a new American flag with thirteen white stars on a dark blue field and thirteen alternating red and white stripes. Betsy accepted the job to construct the flag but replaced the design's six-pointed stars with five-pointed ones, which were easier to make, and arranged them in a circle. She completed the flag in late May or early June of 1776. The Continental Congress adopted this first flag on June 14, 1777 (Flag Day). Many have referred to it as the "First Stars and Stripes" or the "Betsy Ross Flag."



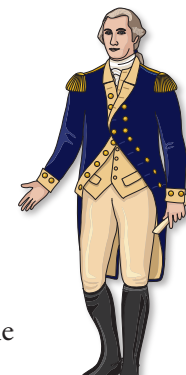
Daniel Boone (1734-1820) was an explorer and frontiersman who became well known for his settlement of the Kentucky area. Boone grew up in the country near Reading, Pennsylvania, and moved with his family to North Carolina when he was fifteen. He was a hunter, trapper, and fur trader. He also established new settlement routes.

Boone fought in the Western theatre of the American Revolutionary War and served as a militia officer. He helped defend Boonesborough from Native American war parties whom the British persuaded to attack the settlements in Kentucky. He fought under General George Rogers Clark in the Battle of Piqua in 1780 and the 1782 Battle of Blue Licks, one of the last battles of the American Revolution. Boone was elected to the Virginia General Assembly and served for three terms. Through the publication of *The Adventures of Colonel Daniel Boon* in 1784, Boone would forever be known as an American legend and folk hero.

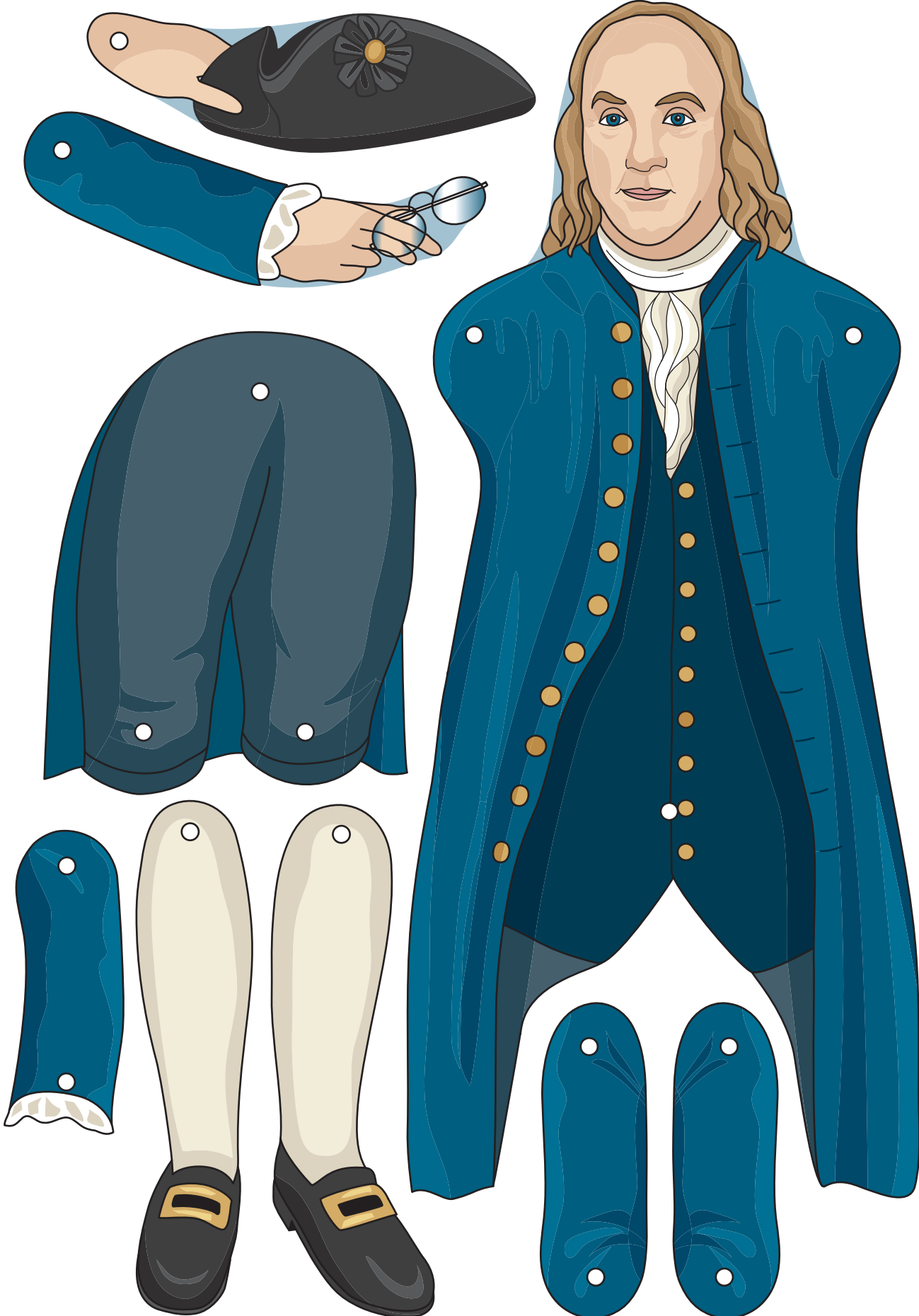


George Washington (1732-1799) was a humble but dedicated leader who greatly influenced the formation of the United States. He started his career as a surveyor and mapmaker, and then gained valuable military skills in the French and Indian War. Washington represented the colony of Virginia in the Continental Congress, which chose him to lead the colonial forces during the Revolutionary War. He transformed the army, shared many hardships with them, and led them on to victory, eventually winning the war for freedom against British rule.

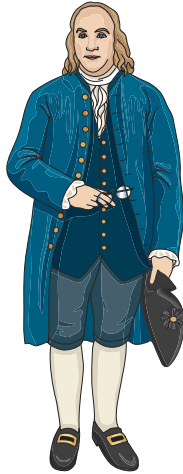
Washington presided over the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, which consisted of a representative from each state called to create a contract that would help keep the new states united. Washington became the first president of the United States, nominating cabinet members and appointing Supreme Court justices. Under Washington's presidency, James Madison wrote the Bill of Rights, while Congress added it to the Constitution.



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Statesman, Politician,
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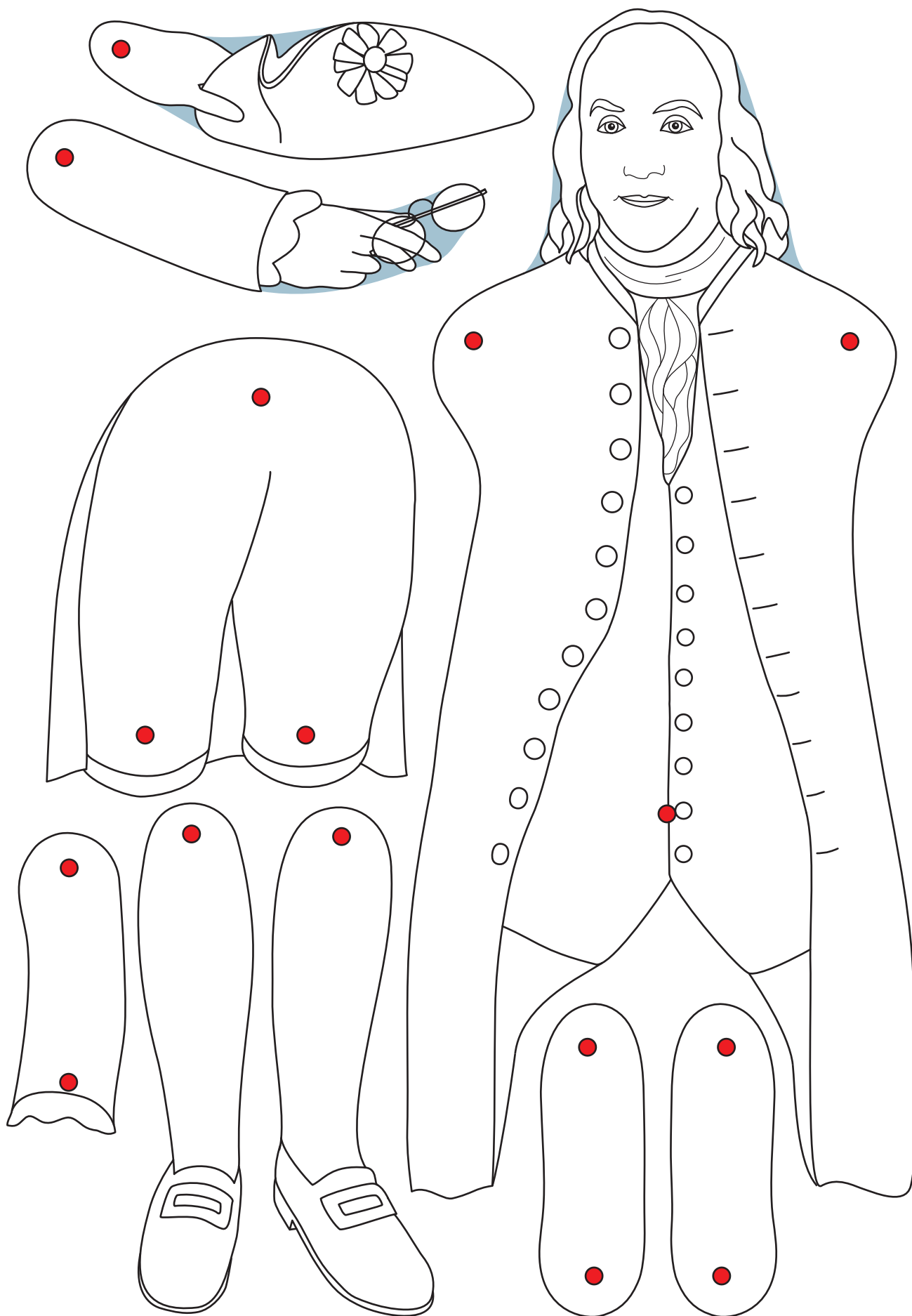
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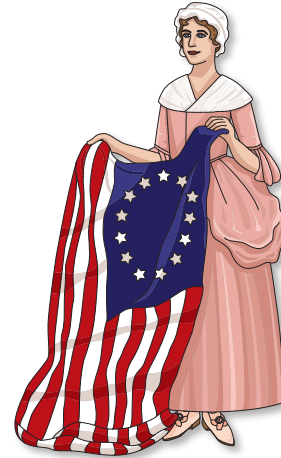
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