**Very Important People of the**

**Revolutionary War!!!!!!!!**

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| **GEORGE WASHINGTON**  **C:\Users\Shelley\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\1RUSLGVJ\MC900019782[1].wmf"first in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen”** |
| **Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War- Unanimous-Meaning he received all the votes. Worked to train troops. Built a large army. After the victory at the Battle of Saratoga he was able to talk France into entering the war and helping the colonists.**  **President of the Constitutional Convention- Unanimous-He received all the votes**  **First President of the United States-Unanimous-No one ran against him.**  **Attended the Continental Congress**  **Mount Vernon Married widow-Martha Custis Washington Teeth No children** |

**And other important colonists….**

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| **C:\Users\Shelley\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OXL5R4AD\MC900151403[1].wmfJohn**  **Adams**  **Wife-Abigail Adams**  **Son-John Quincy Adams-6th President of US** | **Attended the Continental Congress**  **Nominated George Washington to be commander-in-chief of the Continental Army and helped set up the U.S. navy and marines.**  **During the Revolutionary War he served in France and Holland in diplomatic roles, and helped negotiate the Treaty of Paris at the war's conclusion.**  **1st Vice President of the United States**  **2nd President of the United States.** |
| **C:\Users\Shelley\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\YLXXRN9C\MC900379071[1].wmfBenjamin Franklin**  **At 12 became an apprentice printer.**  **Wife Deborah died 1774**  Strickland/4th | **Attended the Continental Congress.**  **Older than most of the other founding fathers.**  **His close relationship to France helped to convince them to help the colonists during the Revolutionary War. He was an inventor, printer, publisher, author, businessman, discoverer, inventor, philanthropist, politician, and diplomat. He became a staunch opponent of the slavery and founded an early anti-slavery society.** |
| **Patrick Henry**  **[Image Detail](http://rds.yahoo.com/_ylt=A0PDoTHid5NOwAsAzvmjzbkF;_ylu=X3oDMTBpcGszamw0BHNlYwNmcC1pbWcEc2xrA2ltZw--/SIG=1220knead/EXP=1318316130/**http:/etc.usf.edu/clipart/200/288/henry_5.htm)Wife-Sarah Henry- Mental condition** | **He gained attention throughout the colonies for opposing** [**King George III**](http://www.answers.com/main/ntq-dsid-1648-dekey-georgeiii) **and the Stamp Act in a speech that many considered treasonous. On March 23, 1775, Henry gave a rousing speech before Virginia's legislature, urging his fellows to arm themselves.  *“I know not what course others may take; but as for me,*** [***Give me Liberty, or give me Death!***](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Give_me_Liberty,_or_give_me_Death!)***"*** |
| **C:\Users\Shelley\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\SZFM10Z3\MC900151405[1].wmfThomas Jefferson**  **Married widow-Martha**  **Wife died young**  **5 of 6 children died before 25**  **Monticello** | **Author of the Declaration of Independence, author of the Statute of Religious Freedom, Father of the University of Virginia…3rd President of the United States**  **Attended the Continental Congress** |

**And for the British……**

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| **King George III**  **[Image Detail](http://rds.yahoo.com/_ylt=A0PDoX4wd5NOLUkAZuujzbkF;_ylu=X3oDMTBpcGszamw0BHNlYwNmcC1pbWcEc2xrA2ltZw--/SIG=126aqgrmu/EXP=1318315952/**http:/etc.usf.edu/clipart/1800/1879/george3_2.htm)Suffered from mental**  **and physical illness** | **King of England during the Revolutionary War. He believed the colonists should help pay for the expense of the French and Indian War through taxes. Loyalists loved him….colonists did not. He suffered for a type of illness that caused “madness.”** |

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