

SAMUEL ADAMS

- ◆ Boston patriot who used propaganda, press, and public relations to stir revolutionary fervor
- ◆ Organized Sons of Liberty, a radical anti-British protest group, and Boston Committee of Correspondence, which circulated letters documenting British violations of colonial rights



- ◆ Led Boston Tea Party
- ◆ Delegate to First Continental Congress
- ◆ Signed Declaration of Independence

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

- ◆ Printer, journalist, inventor, scientist, colonial agent in England, minister to France

- ◆ Negotiated French-American Alliance crucial to America's victory in 1783

- ◆ Helped negotiate favorable terms of the Treaty of Paris, ending the American Revolution

- ◆ Delegate to the 1787 Constitutional Convention



KING GEORGE III

- ◆ British King who lost the American colonies by refusing to yield to the colonists' grievances and their Olive Branch Petition

I WISH NOTHING BUT GOOD THEREFORE, WHOEVER DOESN'T AGREE WITH ME IS A TRAITOR AND A SCOUNDREL. SO OBSERVE: THIS IS WHAT I THINK OF THEIR "OLIVE BRANCH PETITION!"



THOMAS JEFFERSON

- ◆ Virginia plantation owner
- ◆ Wrote Declaration of Independence, as delegate to Second Continental Congress
- ◆ Governor of Virginia
- ◆ 3rd president of the United States
- ◆ Founded University of Virginia



ABIGAIL ADAMS

- ◆ Wife of the 2nd U.S. president (John Adams); mother of the 6th U.S. president (John Quincy Adams)

- ◆ Urged John Adams to include women's rights in the "new code of laws" being written



JOHN ADAMS

- ◆ Leading patriot in First and Second Continental Congresses

- ◆ Championed adoption of Declaration of Independence

- ◆ Wrote Massachusetts state constitution
- ◆ 2nd president of the United States



MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE

- ◆ French nobleman and army officer who became a general in America's Continental Army and a hero in the Battle of Yorktown



- ◆ A favorite of General George Washington, with whom he served.
- ◆ Leader of French Revolution in 1790s

THOMAS PAINE

- ◆ Wrote "Common Sense" (1776), advocating independence—a pamphlet that persuaded many colonists to rebel

INDEPENDENCE—IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE!



GEORGE WASHINGTON

- ◆ Virginia plantation owner
- ◆ French and Indian War army officer

- ◆ Commander in chief of Continental Army

- ◆ 1st president of United States

- ◆ Known as the "Father of our country"

