

Museum of World Treasures

Founding of America Vocabulary List

- All entries pertain directly to artifacts or signs in our exhibits.

Jamestown- First surviving British colony in the Americas, located in Virginia. Est. May 14, 1607.

Succotash- A traditional Native American dish consisting of corn and some type of bean.

Anne Bonny- Famous, female pirate in the Caribbean. Lived 1702- ?

Mary Read- Anne Bonny's best friend and fellow female pirate. Died in prison about 1720.

William Teach- also known as Blackbeard the Pirate. One of the most feared pirates in history; he had an impressive pirating career (1716-1718), but was eventually brought down by the British navy.

Native Americans- The people who had lived in the Americas for thousands of years before they were discovered by the Europeans.

William Penn- Leader and founder of the Quaker colony of Pennsylvania.

Intolerable Acts- Laws passed by the British that took away most of Mass. governing rights and installed a military governor.

Paul Revere- One of three men famous for their ride to warn Lexington and Concord that the British were coming.

Minute Men- Colonial militia that could prepare for a battle in a minute.

John Hancock- Famous for his large signature on the Declaration of Independence, Hancock was one of the wealthiest men in the colonies and a prominent Founding Father.

Facsimile- An exact copy of a document.

John Adams-The 2nd president of the U.S.A, Adams was a major leader in the Revolution and after. He was a prominent member of both the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention.

Samuel Adams- A cousin of John Adams and much more radical. He was a founder of the Sons of Liberty and was nicknamed the “Firebrand of the Revolution.”

Alexander Hamilton- Considered one of the founders of the American economic system and U.S. Treasury. One of the founders of the Federalist Party and a contributor to the Federalist Papers. Killed in duel with Aaron Burr.

Aaron Burr- V. P. during Jefferson. Participated in a bid to get New England to succeed, but due to an article Hamilton, lost a crucial governor race. Challenged Hamilton to a duel in revenge and killed him.

Dueling- a system by which a gentleman could demand satisfaction if affronted by another. It involved matched weapons (swords, guns, etc.) and could end in death.

Bloodbacks- Nickname of the British troops derived from their bright red coats.

Continental Army- Name of the U.S. army during the Revolutionary War.

Declaration of Independence- Document by which the U.S. Continental Congress declared independence from British rule.

Founding Fathers- The group of men prominent during and right after the American Revolution on the side of the colonies and helped to found America.

Treaty of Paris- Peace Treaty between America and Britain at the end of the Revolutionary War that guaranteed American independence.

U.S. Constitution- The document by which the American federal government is structured.

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