Museum of World Treasures
Founding of America Vocabulary List
- All entries pertain directly to artifacts or signs in our exhibits.


**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 the 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.