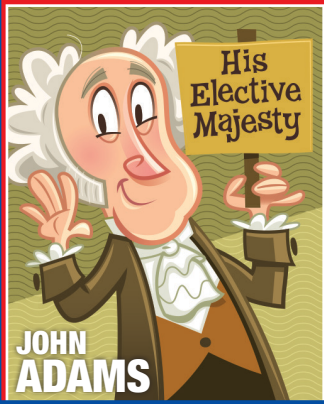


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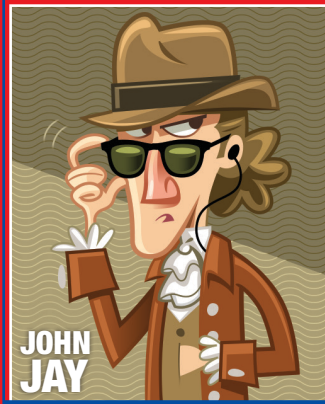
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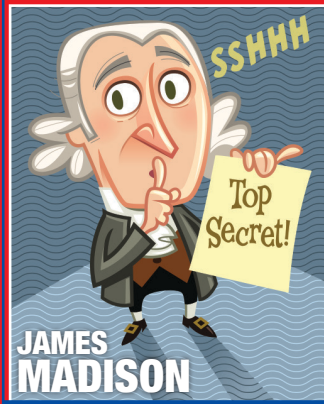
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"ATLAS OF INDEPENDENCE"
1735-1826



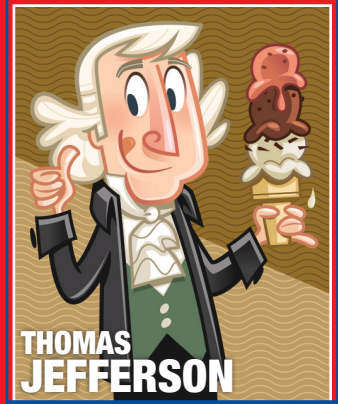
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"PUBLIUS" (A NAME USED FOR ALL AUTHORS OF THE FEDERALIST PAPERS)
1745-1829



JAMES MADISON

"FATHER OF THE CONSTITUTION"
1751-1836



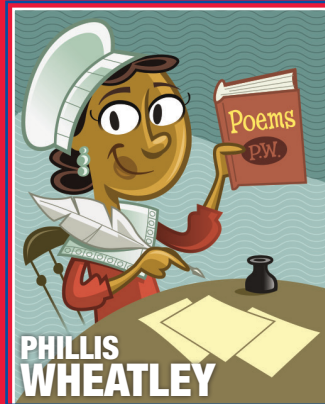
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"THE SAGE OF MONTICELLO"
1743-1826



ABIGAIL ADAMS

"MRS. PRESIDENT"
1744-1818



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"THE AFRICAN GENIUS"
(A NAME SHE WAS GIVEN DURING HER LIFE)
1753-1784



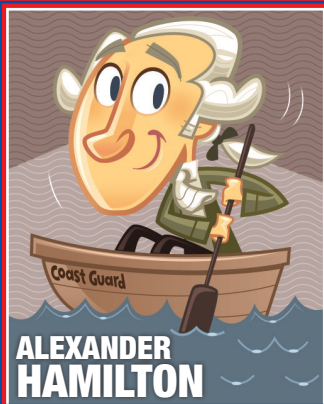
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"THE FEMALE PAUL REVERE"
1761-1839



MARY LUDWIG HAYS (MCCAULEY)

"MOLLY PITCHER"
1754-1832



ALEXANDER HAMILTON

"THE LITTLE LION"
1755 (OR 1757) -1804



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

"THE FIRST AMERICAN"
1706-1790



GEORGE WASHINGTON

"FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY"
1732-1799



DEBORAH SAMPSON

"ROBERT SHURTLEFF"
1760-1827

Founders Matching Game (for 2 players)

Cut out the cards. (If you wish, put them in plastic trading-card sleeves.) Deal three cards to each player, and put the rest in a pile between you. Taking turns, pick a card, then set down any matches (see examples below). Whoever has more pairs at the end wins. You can also make up a trivia game using the cards!

EXAMPLES OF MATCHES:

2 Presidents 2 champions of civil rights 2 Revolutionary War veterans
2 signers of the Declaration of Independence 2 signers of the Constitution 2 writers of the Federalist Papers

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Born: Shadwell, Virginia
Key Facts: Wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. As third U.S. President (1801 to 1809), he bought land from France in a deal called the Louisiana Purchase. The deal doubled the size of the U.S. at the time.
Did You Know? With recipes brought back from France, he popularized ice cream, mac and cheese, and french fries.



JAMES MADISON

Born: Port Conway, Virginia
Key Facts: Drafted the Virginia Plan, which became the basis for the Constitution. Wrote the Bill of Rights. Fourth U.S. President (1809 to 1817).
Did You Know? He used codes in his letters to keep some information secret. At 5'4", he was the country's shortest President.



JOHN JAY

Born: New York, New York
Key Facts: Wrote some of the Federalist Papers and served as the first chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Elected to be the second governor of the state of New York.
Did You Know? John Jay headed a spy network during the Revolutionary War. That spy ring ruined a plot to capture George Washington.



JOHN ADAMS

Born: Braintree (now Quincy), Massachusetts
Key Facts: Leader on the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence. Second U.S. President (1797 to 1801).
Did You Know? After Washington was elected, Adams suggested the title "His Elective Majesty" or "His Mightiness." Washington declined.



MARY LUDWIG HAYS (McCAULEY)

Born: near Trenton, New Jersey
Key Facts: Carried water pitchers to soldiers to cool down the cannons. ("Molly Pitcher" was a nickname for women with this task.) When her husband was injured, she took his place at the cannon.
Did You Know? An eyewitness said a British cannonball passed between Hays's legs, ripping her petticoat. It left her unharmed.



SYBIL LUDINGTON

Born: Fredericksburg (now Ludingtonville), New York
Key Facts: At age 16, rode her horse 40 miles through a stormy night to rouse Colonial militia to help their fellow revolutionaries in Danbury, Connecticut.
Did You Know? The Sybil Ludington Historical Run is an annual road race that covers some of the route she traveled that night.



PHILLIS WHEATLEY

Born: Senegal/Gambia, West Africa
Key Facts: Was kidnapped from Africa and enslaved in Boston at age 7. Became a famous poet and a strong supporter of American independence and the antislavery movement.
Did You Know? At age 13, she published her first poem. At 20, she became the first African American person to publish a book of poetry.



ABIGAIL ADAMS

Born: Weymouth, Massachusetts
Key Facts: Advisor to her husband, John Adams. She promoted women's legal rights and the abolition of slavery.
Did You Know? She melted down her pewter spoons to mold musket balls for soldiers. She was the first First Lady to live in the White House.



DEBORAH SAMPSON

Born: Plympton, Massachusetts
Key Facts: In 1782, enlisted in the Continental army disguised as a man and fought for nearly two years. She was hospitalized for a fever, and her identity was discovered. She was honorably discharged.
Did You Know? After a skirmish, Sampson removed a bullet from her thigh with a penknife and a sewing needle.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Born: Pope's Creek, Virginia
Key Facts: Led the Continental army to victory against Great Britain during the Revolutionary War. First U.S. President (1789 to 1797).
Did You Know? Washington did not wear a wig. He powdered his own (red!) hair. He did not chop down a cherry tree or wear wooden teeth. But he *did* practice composting on his plantation.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Born: Boston, Massachusetts
Key Facts: Inventor, scientist, publisher, diplomat. Only Founder to sign all major documents leading to the formation of the United States.
Did You Know? Yes, Franklin flew a kite with a key tied to it in a thunderstorm to prove lightning was electricity. He invented the lightning rod, swim fins, and bifocals.



ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Born: Nevis, a Caribbean island
Key Facts: A self-educated orphan, he immigrated to New York as a teen and became an aide to General Washington. Wrote many of the Federalist Papers. The first Secretary of the Treasury.
Did You Know? Hamilton organized a marine service later known as the U.S. Coast Guard. He was killed in a duel with his political rival Aaron Burr.



SYMBOL KEY



Served in the Revolutionary War



Negotiated the Treaty of Paris of 1783, which formally ended the war between the American colonists and the British



Wrote some of the Federalist Papers, a series of letters to newspapers rallying support for adopting the Constitution



Signed the Declaration of Independence



Signed the Constitution



Elected President



Brought light to civil rights issues

Confounded by the Founders

Read the cards, then test your knowledge!

1. Which President signed the Declaration of Independence?

- a. George Washington
- b. Thomas Jefferson
- c. James Madison

2. Who fought in the Revolutionary War?

- a. Benjamin Franklin
- b. John Adams
- c. Deborah Sampson

3. Who was born in New York?

- a. John Jay
- b. Alexander Hamilton
- c. Phillis Wheatley

4. Who lived in the White House?

- a. George Washington
- b. Abigail Adams
- c. John Jay

5. Which is the only Founder who signed the Treaty of Paris, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution?

- a. Benjamin Franklin
- b. Thomas Jefferson
- c. John Jay



6. Who was a published author by age 13?

- a. Mary Ludwig Hays
- b. Phillis Wheatley
- c. James Madison

7. Who served only one term (four years) as President?

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. John Adams
- c. James Madison

8. Who rejected the title "His Mightiness"?

- a. Benjamin Franklin
- b. John Adams
- c. George Washington

9. Who lost the second Presidential election in 1796 but went on to become the nation's third President in 1801?

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. James Madison
- c. George Washington