



*The Signers*  
A RESEARCH PROJECT

*Pursuit of  
Happiness*

AMERICA 250 - ALABAMA

# resource information

## **General Education Standards:**

- Third Grade
  - ALCOS.2010.SS.3.10
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.3.34
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.3.39
- Fourth Grade
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.4.33
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.4.36
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.4.42
- Fifth Grade
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.5.35
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.5.37
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.5.38
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.5.42
- Sixth Grade
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.6.7
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.6.25
- Seventh Grade
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.7.7
- Eighth Grade
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.8.8
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.8.25
- Ninth Grade
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.9.7
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.9.9
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.9.24
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.9.25
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.9.26
- Tenth Grade
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.10.7
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.10.9
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.10.25
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.10.26
  - ALCOS.2010.SS.10.3
- Eleventh Grade
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.11.8
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.11.28
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.11.29
- Twelfth Grade
  - ALCOS.2010.SS.12.G.2
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.12.8
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.12.28
  - ALCOS.2021.ELA.12.29

## **Objectives:**

- I can write an informative essay or paragraph on a specific signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- I can identify details about the life of the a signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- I can explain what daily life was like based on the lives of the signers during the American Revolution.

# teacher information

## **Rationale:**

This resource was designed with the signers of the Declaration of Independence in mind. We know the major players of the American Revolution, but what about the lesser known names that played such an important role in the freedom of our country? This resource is designed to not only dig into the the lives of the signers, but also for students to learn more about what life was like during the Founding Era - the mundane day to day during a critical time in our history.

## **Teacher Instructions:**

- Allow students to pick, draw, or be assigned a signer or colony to research.
  - Research recording sheets are available for single signer and colony signers.
- Suggested websites are provided for research.
- Final product is up to you and what is best for your students.
  - Poster
  - Essay
  - Digital Presentation

# Suggested Websites

- <https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/index.html>
- [https://www.archives.gov/files/founding-docs/declaration\\_signers\\_gallery\\_facts.pdf](https://www.archives.gov/files/founding-docs/declaration_signers_gallery_facts.pdf)
- <https://www.dar.org/archives/signers-declaration-independence>
- <https://declaration.fas.harvard.edu/resources/signers>
- <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Declaration-of-Independence/353042>
- [https://kids.kiddle.co/Memorial\\_to\\_the\\_56\\_Signers\\_of\\_the\\_Declaration\\_of\\_Independence](https://kids.kiddle.co/Memorial_to_the_56_Signers_of_the_Declaration_of_Independence)

# The Signers

**Delaware:** George Read | Caesar Rodney | Thomas McKean

**Pennsylvania:** George Clymer | Benjamin Franklin | Robert Morris | John Morton | Benjamin Rush | George Ross | James Smith | James Wilson | George Taylor |

**Massachusetts:** John Adams | Samuel Adams | John Hancock | Robert Treat Paine | Elbridge Gerry

**New Hampshire:** Josiah Bartlett | William Whipple | Matthew Thornton

**Rhode Island:** Stephen Hopkins | William Ellery

**New York:** Lewis Morris | Philip Livingston | Francis Lewis | William Floyd

**Georgia:** Button Gwinnett | Lyman Hall | George Walton

**Virginia:** Richard Henry Lee | Francis Lightfoot Lee | Carter Braxton | Benjamin Harrison | Thomas Jefferson | George Wythe | Thomas Nelson, Jr.

**North Carolina:** William Hooper | John Penn | Joseph Hewes

**South Carolina:** Edward Rutledge | Arthur Middleton | Thomas Lynch, Jr. | Thomas Heyward, Jr.

**New Jersey:** Abraham Clark | John Hart | Francis Hopkinson | Richard Stockton | John Witherspoon

**Connecticut:** Samuel Huntington | Roger Sherman | William Williams | Oliver Wolcott

**Maryland:** Charles Carroll | Samuel Chase | Thomas Stone | William Paca

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### LIFE AFTER THE DECLARATION

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DECLARATION

DID THIS SIGNER GIVE THEIR LIFE, FORTUNE OR SACRED HONOR AS A RESULT OF SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT?