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American Revolution Era

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## Key People of the American Revolution

**Directions:** Identify and complete the following biographies based on your knowledge of history. You may use your text books, binder notes, and any other supplemental texts in the classroom. No name repeats on this form.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The colonist and patriot who set up the first committee of correspondence
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Drafted the Declaration of Rights which was drawn upon by Jefferson in the first part of the Declaration of Independence and was an active writer of the Constitution
3. \_\_\_\_\_ British ruler who was determined to punish the citizens of Boston for their tea party
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The colonist credited with riding through the night to warn people that the British were coming to Concord
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The British army commander who surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia
6. \_\_\_\_\_ A member of the Sons of Liberty and former slave who was the first to die in the Boston Massacre
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Stated that all men have the rights to "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" in the Declaration of Independence
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Was a printer, a Philadelphia businessman that said slavery was uneconomical except for agricultural enterprise. He later became famous as a scientist and inventor
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Believed in the right to a fair trial and defended the British soldiers involved in the shooting during the Boston Massacre
10. \_\_\_\_\_ As a member of the Continental Congress, he was known for his sound literary abilities, and became the master writer of the US Constitution
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Became the captain of Artillery for the colonial army and was a strong proponent of the Federalist Movement.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Leader of the Second Continental Army
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Wrote a newspaper pamphlet entitled "Common Sense" which indicted English selfishness for the continuance of the slave trade
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Quoted as saying, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me give me liberty or give me death!" after Parliament would not repeal the Intolerable Acts
15. \_\_\_\_\_ An ex-slave who became a hero at the Battle of Bunker Hill and would go on to gain his freedom by joining the colonial militia.