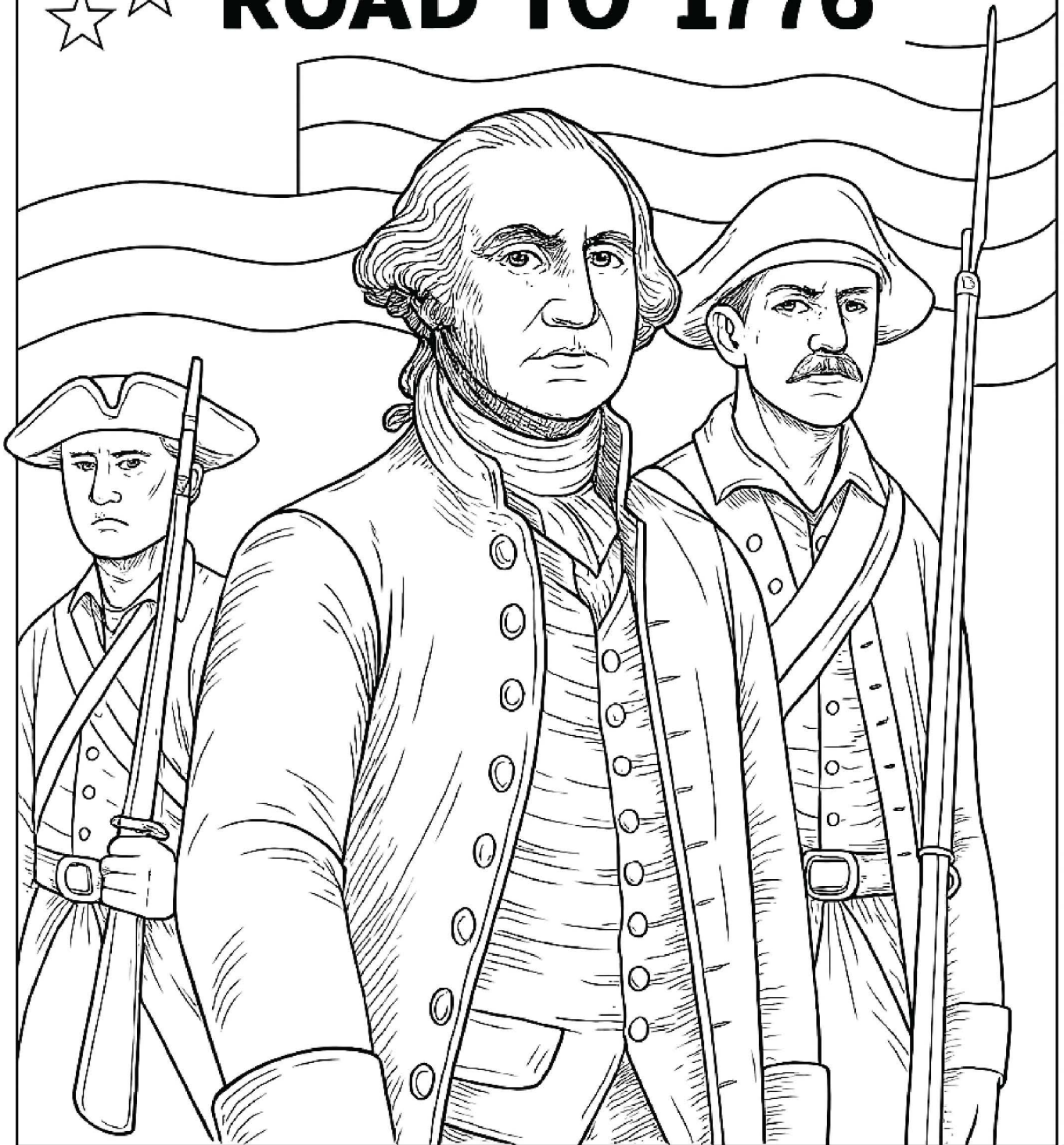


# THE AMERICAN LEGACY

## ROAD TO 1776



# BEFORE INDEPENDENCE: JULY 4TH, 1775

## *The American Legacy - Episode 1 Worksheet*

**1. What was the main goal of the colonies in July 1775?**

- A. Declare independence
- B. Prepare for war but hope for peace
- C. Surrender to Britain

**2. The colonies had already written the Declaration of Independence by July 1775.**

- ☐ True

- ☐ False

**3. Fill in the Blank**

George Washington was appointed as commander of the \_\_\_\_\_ Army.

**Draw it! What do you think Washington looked like taking command of the troops outside Boston.**

**4. Why did the colonies say they were taking up arms, if they weren't declaring independence yet?**

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**5. Imagine you were living in July 1775. Write a short journal entry as someone hearing about Washington taking command of the army.**

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## *The American Legacy - Episode 1 Answer Key*

### 1. Multiple Choice

Correct Answer: B - Prepare for war but hope for peace

### 2. True or False?

Correct Answer: False

### 3. Fill in the Blank

Correct Answer: Continental

### 4. Short Answer

Sample Answer: The colonies said they were taking up arms to defend their rights and protect themselves from British attacks, not to break away completely-yet.

### 5. Creative Response

Open-ended. Accept thoughtful journal entries imagining life in 1775 and reactions to Washington taking command.

### Draw It!

Open-ended. Look for depictions of military camps, colonial uniforms, or Washington as a leader.

# DECLARATION OF THE CAUSES AND NECESSITY OF TAKING UP ARMS

