



## 'Review' Section

The 13 colonies weren't all located in one place, but they united as one community over their common dislike for the unfair taxes and laws being placed on them by the king of England, George III. They banded together under revolutionary leaders such as Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and Benjamin Franklin. Adams led colonists to protest the Tea Act with the Boston Tea Party. Benjamin Franklin spoke out against The Stamp Act and sought support from France as the colonies prepared to stand up to England. Adams and Hancock eventually encouraged colonies to build up their own militias and prepare to fight back. British soldiers attempted to capture weapons that the militias had stored in Concord, MA. This action was the impetus for colonists revolting against British soldiers and with "the shot heard round the world," the Revolution had begun. King George III's taxes on the colonies angered the colonists, who through their faith in God and loyalty to their new community in America, chose to forge a new path and pave the way for the America we know and love today.

**[Objectives] Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:**

1. Understand the concept of life and its synonyms.
2. Define the length of the war and the extraordinary struggles the colonists went through to achieve freedom.
3. Outline the cost of declaring independence.

## Summary & Application

Patrick Henry, George Washington, and Paul Revere are considered three of America's most important patriots from the Revolutionary War and founding of America because of their bravery, ingenuity, and powerful expressions of leadership among their fellow colonists. Patrick Henry was considered a passionate speaker who served in the Continental Congress and urged others to be willing to fight for their freedom; he is best known for his line, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" George Washington is most known for his role as America's first president, but he played a pivotal role in leading the Continental Army to victory over the Redcoats or British military at a time when the colonists were struggling to make gains against their enemy. Washington hatched a plan to surprise the Redcoats on Christmas by sailing over the frosty and frigid Delaware River, and the Redcoats were overtaken when they were caught unprepared. Paul Revere was originally of the family "Rivoire" from France that desired to worship freely as Protestants. Revere, formerly known as Apollos Rivoire, was sent to Boston as an apprentice to a silversmith. After completing his 7 year apprenticeship, Rivoire opened his own silversmith business and changed his name to the name we know today. Revere's love for the tall steeple at Old North Church in Boston eventually served him well when he used it as a place to spy on the Redcoats' position and inform his fellow colonists of their arrival for battle. All three men played an important role in forging a path for a new America – one marked by liberty and freedom from England's rule.

**The Pillars our Nation was Founded Upon:**



- This course section is designed to help students review the foundational/pillar concepts Little Patriots was founded on. These concepts underpin the stories, facts, and information in the course, and each is presented for content understanding and application.
  - *\*Use the definitions offered below as a starting point for the discussion of each pillar.*
  - **Faith Defined:** In its most general sense, faith means much the same thing as trust. Faith is complete trust or confidence in someone or something. Faith helps you believe things you cannot see or touch.
  - **Community Defined:** Community is a feeling and a set of relationships among people with diverse characteristics linked by social ties, share common perspectives and engage in joint action in geographical locations or settings. Trust, safety, teamwork, togetherness, and belonging are essential parts of a community and a 'sense of community.'
  - **Life Defined:** *The word 'life' can refer to a lifetime -- the period between birth and death. It also means experiencing reality by interacting authentically with the environment and others. Giving something back to the world through creativity and self-expression. Changing your attitude when faced with a situation or circumstance you cannot change is a good approach to life. Life always includes the amazing characteristics that make you who you are. No matter our differences, we all matter.*
  - **Liberty Defined:** Liberty represents freedom or a state of being free. Liberty is acting in ways that help you take control of your life and follow a new and perhaps different path than others before you.
- Student backgrounds and experiences will impact how they receive this possibly new information. These are lofty concepts for some kids, so please have them reflect on the definitions of the words provided – *extend and contextualize them as needed.*
- Also, learning happens when students can connect the information they already know and the new information they are presented with. Reviewing the material helps students make those connections.
- Read each section of text to the students (*or have them read it themselves*). Upon reading, ask the students questions to extend their thinking.

### ***Focus Pillar: Why Life Matters***

It is one thing to have faith and stand up for the things you believe in when there are no big consequences. It is another when it involves your life and the lives of those you care about! In this lesson, we are going to highlight several patriots who cared more about the freedom of the country than their own lives!

Discussion: Imagine it is Christmas time...and the cousins who NEVER share are coming to town. Every time they come over, they take any toy that you are playing with, especially your favorite ones! How does that make you feel? Now imagine playing on the playground and a kid you don't know grabbing a toy that you don't care about?

Reflection points: It is easy to have a good attitude when someone takes something you don't care about, but how do you feel when it is something that matters? The value that our founding fathers and



patriots placed on the lives of the American people was even more than the value they placed on their own lives!

**Reflection Prompt:**

*What are 3 liberties you can be thankful you have today as an American citizen?*

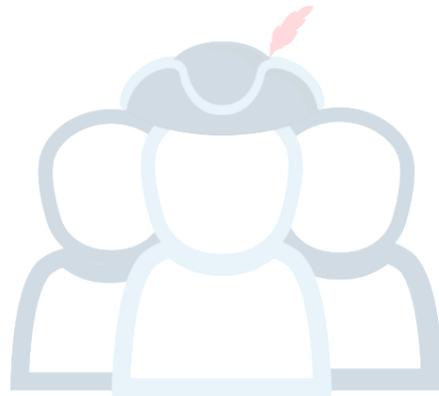
**Assessment Questions (answers in bold)**

1. Which American patriot is famous for saying “Give me liberty, or give me death!”
  - a. George Washington
  - b. Paul Revere
  - c. Patrick Henry**
2. Who did Patrick Henry hope to help by sending meat & salt to at Valley Forge?
  - a. George Washington**
  - b. Paul Revere
  - c. Patrick Henry
3. Patrick Henry was such a leader among the colonists that he took on what leadership role in Virginia?
  - a. Congressman
  - b. Governor**
  - c. President
4. George Washington was first known for his leadership skills in his role as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. The first president of the United States of America
  - b. A successful leader in the Continental Army**
  - c. The most skilled silversmith in American history
5. The term “Redcoats” was used to refer to whom?
  - a. British soldiers**
  - b. The Continental Army
  - c. Paul Revere’s family
6. Paul Revere used the tall steeple of what church as a place to spot advancing British troops?
  - a. Old North Church
  - b. Christ Church
  - c. The Episcopal Church
  - d. Both A & B**
7. Besides being an inspiring leader in the Revolutionary War, Paul Revere was a skilled \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Blacksmith
  - b. Carpenter
  - c. Silversmith**
8. Paul Revere’s family was originally from what country?
  - a. France**
  - b. England
  - c. Spain
9. Paul Revere lived in what American city during the Revolution?
  - a. Alexandria
  - b. Boston**
  - c. Philadelphia



10. George Washington surprised the British military during the Revolutionary War by attacking on \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Thanksgiving Day
- b. Christmas Day**
- c. New Year's Day



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