

## - Key Individuals of the American Revolution | SOL USI. 6c

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- **King George III:** British king during the Revolutionary era
- **Lord Cornwallis:** British general who surrendered at Yorktown
- **John Adams:** Championed the cause for Independence
- **George Washington:** Commander of the Continental army
- **Thomas Jefferson:** Major author of the Declaration of Independence
- **Patrick Henry:** Outspoken member of the House of Burgesses; inspired colonial patriotism with “Give me liberty or give me death” speech
- **Benjamin Franklin:** Prominent member of the Continental Congress; help frame the Declaration of Independence, helped gain French support for American independence.
- **Phillis Wheatley:** A former enslaved African American who wrote poems and plays supporting American independence.
- **Paul Revere:** Patriot who made a daring ride to warn colonists of British arrival.

**Essential Understanding:** As Great Britain expanded control over the colonies, many colonists became dissatisfied and rebellious.