

The Ten-Dollar Founding Father & The American Revolution: Lessons from the musical “Hamilton”

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Resources

Websites:

<https://oeta.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/hamiltons-america/#.WcKUqciGPIU>

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/gperf/episodes/hamiltons-america/>

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-by-era/hamilton>

<http://www.slj.com/2016/05/resources/teaching-with-hamilton/#>

<http://www.newsweek.com/2016/02/19/hamilton-biggest-thing-broadway-being-taught-classrooms-all-over-424212.html>

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2016/02/15/the-best-teaching-learning-resources-on-the-musical-hamilton/>

<http://www.mountvernon.org/education/educational-resources-and-hamilton/>

(sources for each song)

<https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/03/24/the-ten-dollar-founding-father-without-a-father-teaching-and-learning-with-hamilton/?mcubz=0> (primary sources also paired with songs)

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/08/04/education/edlife/high-school-hamilton-quiz.html?mcubz=0>

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/hamilton/memory.html> (Library of Congress Alexander Hamilton collection of primary sources)

Yorktown- National Park Service <https://www.nps.gov/york/index.htm> & <https://www.nps.gov/york/learn/historyculture/hamiltonbio.htm>

Videos:

Top 10 Best Hamilton Songs: <https://youtu.be/bhwv5-tFUJM>

The Rap on 'Hamilton': American History Meets Hip Hop:

<https://youtu.be/zh8rIcRoMp8>

Rapping, deconstructed: The best rhymer of all time: <https://youtu.be/QWveXdj6oZU>

All the Theatre References in Hamilton: <https://youtu.be/rANfiuuiTKE>

"Hamilton": A founding father takes to the stage (CBS News):

<https://youtu.be/owboCdgzLHg>

Tony Awards performance of *Yorktown*: <https://youtu.be/SWZy3zRbBHI>

Genius Lyrics:

<https://genius.com/albums/Lin-manuel-miranda/Hamilton-original-broadway-cast-recording>

Meet the Cast Activity-Answers

Match the Song, Biography, and document written by one of these 4 American Revolutionary Era historical figures.

Alexander Hamilton

Song: "My Shot" (done)

- I was born circa 1755 on the island of Nevis
- As a teenager, I worked as an accounting clerk for a Caribbean shipping company
- I attended Kings College (now Columbia University)
- I served at General Washington's secretary & Aide-de-camp
- I earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel & led a light infantry battalion at the Battle of Yorktown (1781)

Aaron Burr

Song: "Wait for It" (done)

- I was born in 1756 in Newark, New Jersey
- At the age 13, I enrolled at the College of New Jersey (now Princeton) & graduated at age 16
- I am the grandson of Jonathan Edwards, a famous Great Awakening era preacher
- I fought in the Battle of Quebec (1775) under General Montgomery

- I resigned from the Continental Army in 1779 to continue my studies to become a lawyer

George Washington

Song: "Right Hand Man" (done)

- I was born in 1732 in Virginia
- At 16, I began my studies to become a land surveyor
- At 22, I began my military career in the Virginia militia during the French and Indian War (1754-1762)
- I was appointed General and Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army in 1775
- I lost more battles than I won during my military career

King George III

Song: "You'll Be Back" (done)

- I was born in 1738 in London, England
- I taxed the American colonies to help pay for the wars fought to protect them
- People called me "mad" or insane, but I likely suffered from porphyria and arsenic poisoning
- My granddaughter Victoria stole my title as "longest reigning monarch"
- I refused to acknowledge the independence of the American colonies until the Treaty of Paris (1783)

Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette

Song: "Guns and Ships" (done)

- I was born in 1757 in Chavaniac, France
- Military service runs in my family and I became a 2nd Lieutenant in the Musketeers at age 14
- I was commissioned a Major General in the Continental Army, willing to serve without pay
- In 1779, I returned to France to raise money and troops to aid in the American Revolution
- I returned to America in 1780, and fought alongside Washington & Hamilton at the Battle of Yorktown (1781)

The Farmer Refuted

Primary Sources:

Samuel Seabury's Free Thoughts on the Proceedings of the Continental Congress (1774):
<http://terpconnect.umd.edu/~jklumpp/ARD/Seabury.pdf>

Samuel Seabury's Letter to Alexander Hamilton on December 24, 1774:
<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/library/document/samuel-seabury-to-alexander-hamilton/>

Alexander Hamilton's Response on February 23, 1775:
<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/library/document/the-farmer-refuted/>

Other Sources:

Reverend Seabury's Pamphlet War
<https://allthingsliberty.com/2013/07/reverend-seaburys-pamphlet-war/>

Revolutionary Women

Biographies: http://score.rims.k12.ca.us/score_lessons/women_american_revolution/

Roles of women in the Revolution:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-us-history/period-3/apush-the-american-revolution/a/women-in-the-american-revolution> and
<http://historyofmassachusetts.org/the-roles-of-women-in-the-revolutionary-war/>

Founding Mothers:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/partner-content/aspeninstitute/founding-mothers>

Battle of Yorktown:

Lyrics:
<https://genius.com/Lin-manuel-miranda-yorktown-the-world-turned-upside-down-lyrics>

Music: <https://youtu.be/NpsuEcKW8ZE>

Video: <https://youtu.be/SWZy3zRbBHI>

Primary Sources:

Ebenezer Denny 1781 describing Battle of Yorktown:
<http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/documents/1776-1785/ebenezer-denny-1781-describing-the-surrender-of-cornwallis-at-yorktown.php>

Articles of Capitulation, Yorktown (1781):

<http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/the-revolutionary-war/articles-of-capitulation-yorktown-1781/>

Letter from Marquis de Lafayette to George Washington, September 8, 1781:

<http://www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-sources-2/article/marquis-de-lafayette-to-george-washington-september-8-1781/>

George Washington Letter to Charles Cornwallis, October 18, 1781:

<https://www.pdx.edu/geography-education/sites/www.pdx.edu.geography-education/files/mapping%20the%20musical%20Malia%20Arnold.pdf>

George Washington Letter to the Continental Congress, October 19, 1781:

http://www.history.org/history/teaching/enewsletter/volume6/images/sept/gw_letter_congress.pdf

Maps: <http://www.mountvernon.org/preservation/maps/map-the-siege-of-yorktown/>