

Revolutionary Influences

Trace how people and groups shaped the Patriot cause.

SS4H1.b "Describe the influence of key individuals and groups during the American Revolution: King George III, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Benedict Arnold, Patrick Henry, John Adams, Paul Revere, and Black regiments."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each person or group named in the passage. Circle the words that tell how each one influenced the American Revolution.

Actions That Shaped a Revolution

- ① When tensions rose between Britain and the colonies, King George III supported British control and rejected many colonial complaints. In 1775, Patrick Henry spoke strongly for resistance, saying the colonies needed to defend their liberty. Paul Revere helped warn leaders that British soldiers were moving toward Lexington and Concord. His warning helped local militia get ready to fight.
- ② George Washington led the Continental Army through hard years of war. His leadership helped keep the army together and led to victory over the British. Benjamin Franklin used diplomacy in France to gain French support, including soldiers, ships, and money. John Adams argued for independence and helped persuade other colonial leaders to support it as well.
- ③ Thomas Jefferson wrote the main draft of the Declaration of Independence, explaining why the colonies should be free. Later, Benedict Arnold betrayed the American cause by planning to give the British the fort at West Point. Some Black regiments, made up of Black soldiers, fought for American independence. Their service added skilled, determined fighters to the Patriot war effort.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 How did Paul Revere's actions help the Patriot cause at the start of fighting?

2 How did King George III and Patrick Henry influence the conflict in different ways?

3 What did George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams each do to support the Patriot cause?

4 Explain how Thomas Jefferson, Benedict Arnold, and Black regiments affected the American cause.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose three people or groups from the passage. Write four sentences explaining how their actions affected the Patriot cause in different ways, including one action that hurt the cause.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each person or group named in the passage. Circle the words that tell how each one influenced the American Revolution. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Paul Revere's actions help the Patriot cause at the start of fighting?	He warned leaders that British soldiers were moving toward Lexington and Concord, helping local militia prepare to fight.
2	How did King George III and Patrick Henry influence the conflict in different ways?	King George III supported British control and rejected colonial complaints. Patrick Henry urged the colonies to resist and defend their liberty.
3	What did George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams each do to support the Patriot cause?	Washington led and held together the Continental Army. Franklin gained French soldiers, ships, and money through diplomacy. Adams argued for independence and persuaded other leaders to support it.
4	Explain how Thomas Jefferson, Benedict Arnold, and Black regiments affected the American cause.	Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence. Arnold betrayed the American cause by planning to give West Point to Britain. Black regiments added skilled, determined fighters to the Patriot war effort.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

George Washington kept the Continental Army together during hard years of war. Benjamin Franklin gained French soldiers, ships, and money through diplomacy. Benedict Arnold hurt the American cause when he planned to give West Point to Britain. Washington and Franklin supported the Patriot cause, but Arnold worked against it.

Accept accurate explanations of influence that use evidence from the passage. For Your Turn, students should name three people or groups and include both support for and harm to the Patriot cause.