

Leaders of Liberty

Read how different leaders helped the American cause.

USI.6.d "describing the leadership roles of individuals including, but not limited to George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Thomas Paine, John Adams, and the Marquis de Lafayette; and"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each leader's name. Circle the words that tell how that person led, so you can match leaders to their roles.

Many Ways to Lead

- ① During the Revolution, leaders served in different ways. George Washington commanded the Continental Army and helped keep it together through hard winters and few supplies. Benjamin Franklin used his skill as a writer, inventor, and diplomat to win French support. The Marquis de Lafayette, a French volunteer, became a trusted officer and helped bring French soldiers and ships to the American cause.
- ② Thomas Jefferson wrote much of the Declaration of Independence, explaining why the colonies should be free. John Adams spoke strongly for independence and served on the committee that helped prepare the Declaration. Patrick Henry stirred many colonists with speeches supporting liberty. His famous call for liberty showed that speaking to people could be an important kind of leadership.
- ③ Thomas Paine wrote *Common Sense*, a pamphlet that argued for independence in clear language. It reached many readers and encouraged support for breaking away from Britain. These leaders did not all lead armies or hold the same job. Some fought, some wrote, some spoke, and some worked with other countries. Together, their choices helped the Patriots seek independence.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did George Washington lead the American cause?

2 How were Thomas Jefferson's and John Adams's roles connected to the Declaration of Independence?

3 Which two leaders helped the American cause gain support from France? Tell what each one did.

4 How did Patrick Henry and Thomas Paine each use words to lead colonists?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose two leaders from the passage. Write three sentences explaining each person's leadership role and one way their work helped the American cause.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each leader's name. Circle the words that tell how that person led, so you can match leaders to their roles. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did George Washington lead the American cause?	He commanded the Continental Army and helped keep it together through hard winters and few supplies.
2	How were Thomas Jefferson's and John Adams's roles connected to the Declaration of Independence?	Jefferson wrote much of the Declaration. Adams served on the committee that helped prepare it and spoke strongly for independence.
3	Which two leaders helped the American cause gain support from France? Tell what each one did.	Benjamin Franklin used diplomacy to win French support. The Marquis de Lafayette became a trusted officer and helped bring French soldiers and ships.
4	How did Patrick Henry and Thomas Paine each use words to lead colonists?	Henry gave speeches supporting liberty that stirred colonists. Paine wrote Common Sense, a pamphlet that argued for independence and encouraged readers.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Benjamin Franklin worked as a diplomat to win French support for the American cause. The Marquis de Lafayette served as a trusted officer and helped bring French soldiers and ships. Their leadership connected the Patriots with France.

Accept accurate descriptions of two leaders' roles that are supported by the passage. The third sentence should explain how their work helped the American cause.