



**King
George
III**

King George was the **British King** during the Revolutionary Era (Era means time)



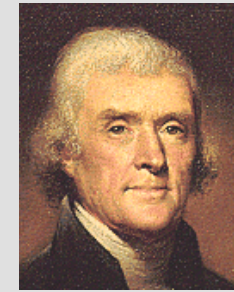
**General
Charles
“Lord”
Cornwallis**

Lord Cornwallis was the **British General** (leader of the British army). He and his army surrendered (gave up) at Yorktown, Virginia.



**John
Adams**

John Adams was a colonist who **championed** (worked really hard) for the cause of independence.



**Thomas
Jefferson**

Thomas Jefferson was the major author of the **Declaration of Independence**.



**Patrick
Henry**

Patrick Henry was an outspoken member of the **House of Burgesses**. He inspired colonists with his speech, “**Give me liberty, or give me death!**”



**Benjamin
Franklin**

Benjamin Franklin was a prominent (important) member of the **Continental Congress**. He helped **frame** (get ideas together) the Declaration of Independence.



**Thomas
Paine**

Thomas Paine was a writer and journalist. He wrote “**Common Sense**”, which gave common sense reasons why the colonists should be free.



**Phillis
Wheatley**

Phillis Wheatley was a former slave who wrote **poems and plays** about America’s struggle **for independence**.

