

Missing Pieces of the Puzzle: African Americans in Revolutionary Times

In a puzzle, each piece counts. Yet often when studying the Revolutionary War, we forget to acknowledge the important roles Black people (enslaved and free) played, whether in fighting for either side of the war, or fighting for their own rights to freedom. We have left their pieces of the puzzle out and the history is incomplete without them. In this project, you will work to create an inclusive puzzle, complete with the roles African Americans played during the Revolutionary War.

1. Choose a topic or individual from the list below. (This list is not exhaustive, so if you want to focus on a topic or individual not listed, please get preapproval first).

General Topics/Themes from Revolutionary Times

The Harlowe Patriots (NC)
 Black Revolutionary Seamen
 Contributions of Black Patriots
 Contributions of Black Loyalists
 1st Rhode Island Regiment
 Lord Dunmore's Ethiopian Regiment
 Forms of Slave Resistance during Revolutionary Times
 The Black Pioneers
 "The Book of Negroes"

Individuals During Revolutionary Times

Richard Allen	Absalom Jones
Crispus Attucks	Ona Judge
William Ball & The Battle of Cowpens	Boston King
Jean-Baptiste Mars Belley	John Kizell
Martial Besse	James Armistead Lafayette
Seymour Burr	Pompey Lamb
Isaac Carter & the Harlowe Patriots	Lambert Latham
John Chavis*	Jerena Lee
Oliver Cromwell	Brazillai Lew
Paul Cuffe	John Marrant
Austin Dabney*	Saul Matthews
William Flora	Mary Perth
James Forten	Thomas Peters*
Elizabeth "Mumbet" Freeman	Salem Poor
Edward "Ned" Griffin & the Battle of Guilford Courthouse*	Peter Salem
Prince Hall	Venture Smith
Isaac Hammond*	Cesar Tarrant
Lemuel Haynes	Colonel Tye/Titus
Edward Hector	Phillis Wheatley
Agrippa Hull	Prince Whipple

2. Research your topic/individual. Find at least 3 different sources that share information regarding your topic/individual and the connection/contribution to the Revolutionary War.
3. Choose a puzzle piece from the bulletin board. Decorate the puzzle piece so that it will educate viewers regarding your topic/individual. Your final puzzle piece must:
 - Contain text explaining the importance or contributions of your topic/individual
 - Contain a drawn image representing your topic/individual
 - Clearly educate the viewer on this topic/individual
 - Contain accurate information, be creative, and lack mistakes.

Draft Due Date: _____

Final Due Date: _____

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