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
Crispus Attucks
William Ball & The Battle of Cowpens
Jean-Baptiste Mars Belley
Martial Besse
Seymour Burr
Isaac Carter & the Harlowe Patriots
John Chavis*
Oliver Cromwell
Paul Cuffe
Austin Dabney*
William Flora
James Forten
Elizabeth “Mumbet” Freeman
Edward “Ned” Griffin & the Battle of Guilford
Courthouse*
Prince Hall
Isaac Hammond*
Lemuel Haynes
Edward Hector
Agrippa Hull

Absalom Jones
Ona Judge
Boston King
John Kizell
James Armistead Lafayette
Pompey Lamb
Lambert Latham
Jerena Lee
Brazillai Lew
John Marrant
Saul Matthews
Mary Perth
Thomas Peters*
Salem Poor
Peter Salem
Venture Smith
Ceasar Tarrant
Colonel Tye/Titus
Phillis Wheatley
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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