


Founding Fathers *Founding Fathers*



**GREATEST
HITS!**

Ben Franklin~
was one of the
best known
Founding
Fathers of the
United States.
His main
contribution to
the formation of
the republic



was through his
role as an
ambassador to
France. He was
the main reason
that France
supported
America



George Washington led America's Continental Army to victory over Britain in the American Revolution (1775–1783),



He was also elected the first President of the United States. He served two four-year terms from 1789 to 1797.



His primary contribution (people say) was that he was able to return power to the people after the war. He won, and then said, "Congress is now in charge."



John Adams~
served both as the
nation's first Vice
President
(1789–1797), and
as its second
President
(1797–1801).



As a statesman
and author Adams
helped define a
set of core
republican ideals
that became the
core of America's
political value
system Including:



~the rejection
of hereditary
monarchy
~rule by the
people,
~hatred of
corruption,
~devotion to
civic duty.



Thomas Jefferson~
was the third
President of the
United States (1801–
1809), the principal
author of the
Declaration of
Independence
(1776).



Alexander Hamilton~
He was the first
Secretary of the
Treasury
and had much
influence over
the rest of the
Government
and the formation
of policy.



Foreign policy in
particular. He
convinced
Congress to create
a national debt,
and federal
assumption of the
state debts.



James Madison~
(1751 –1836) was
the fourth
President of the
United States.
It was his Virginia
Plan that survived
the hard scrutiny of
the Constitutional
Convention



It then served as
the basis for The
U.S. Constitution.

He also
coordinated the
composition of
the U.S. Bill of
Rights.



Wrote a small
pamphlet called
Common Sense, it
advocated
independence from
Britain, and made
people feel as
though they were an
important part of the
struggle



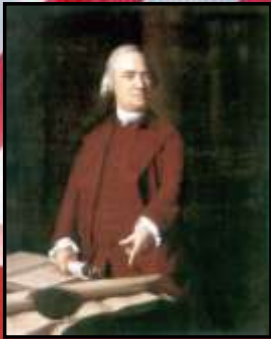
Thomas Paine

Remembered primarily for his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech. Basically he knew how to get people mad and organized at the same time.



Patrick Henry

Organizer of protests including the Boston Tea Party. Once again, he also knew how to get people mad and organized at the same time.



Samuel Adams





Jefferson wrote the declaration of independence
Adams Edited it, Jefferson hated him for it.

Adams Jefferson

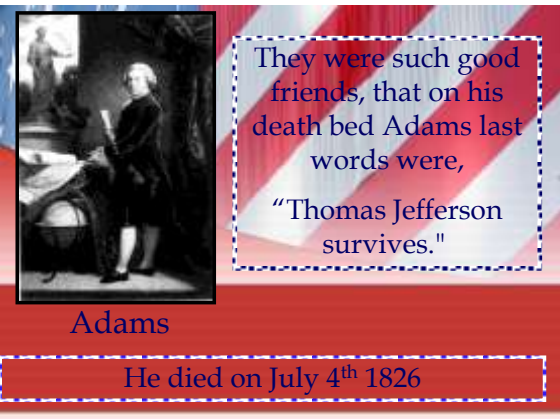
They both ran for president, after Washington, Adams won- they even hated each other more



They continued to be at odds for the rest of both of their political careers.

Adams Jefferson

After they retired they continued to debate through letters, and eventually they became good friends.



They were such good friends, that on his death bed Adams last words were,
"Thomas Jefferson survives."

Adams


He died on July 4th 1826

Little did he know
that hours earlier
Thomas Jefferson
had passed away



Jefferson

He died on July 4th 1826 as well



Both architects of the declaration of
Independence that gave birth to this new
Nation died 50 years to the day from the birth
of the country they founded.

Did This really happen?

HISTORIANS SAY