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American Revolution: "Who Am I?"

Each of the following clues is about a famous person who played an important part in the American Revolution. A list of names has been provided. Research each of the people and write the name of the person next to the clue that describes him.

I was the founder of a secret organization called the *Sons of Liberty*. My group was opposed to British rule. In an act of rebellion, we dumped 10,000 pounds of tea into the Boston Harbor. I eventually became a signer of the *Declaration of Independence*.

I am _____

I was a silversmith and a member of the *Sons of Liberty*. When General Gage came to strike out against the Patriots, I was given a signal that allowed me to warn the colonists. I did this with a famous midnight ride, reportedly yelling, "The British are coming! The British are coming!"

I am _____

I published a pamphlet called *Common Sense*, using strong words to convince colonists that they should fight for complete independence from Great Britain.

I am _____.

I was a firm believer in independence from British rule. I was a successful lawyer and I was also a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses. I was the main author of the *Declaration of Independence*. I served as the third president of the United States.

I am _____

I was a Frenchman and a loyal aide to George Washington. I was in charge of forcing the largest British army to a place called Yorktown, where we surrounded them and forced their surrender.

I am _____.

Although I was a strong military leader and a Revolutionary War hero, I refused to become king when the colonists asked me to. I did, however, serve two terms as the president of the United States and I also helped write the *Constitution of the United States*.

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When a large crowd of colonists gathered outside the Customs House, I yelled that the way to get rid of the “lobster-backs” was to attack the main guard. The British soldiers fired into the crowd and I, along with four other men, was killed. This became known as the Boston Massacre.

I am _____.

I was a member of the House of Burgesses and gave many speeches about our need to make a final break from Great Britain. I am famous for the quote, “Give me liberty, or give me death!”

I am _____

I was a key commander for the Patriots. I was given command of West Point, but in order to raise money to pay off debts I had acquired, I schemed to tell the British how they could attack and defeat this key fort on the Hudson River. Although the Americans discovered my plan, I managed to escape and became an officer in the British Army. For my deeds, I will forever be known in the U.S. as a traitor.

I am _____

I was a very famous scientist and writer. I helped write the *Declaration of Independence* and I was a delegate to the *Constitutional Convention*. Many of my ideas were used to plan the new government.

I am _____

I was cousin to the leader of the *Sons of Liberty*. After the Boston Massacre, I agreed to represent the British soldiers because I believed everyone deserved a fair trial. I also served as a member of the *Continental Congress* and was a delegate to the *Constitutional Convention*.

I am _____.

I was a British commander who was tricked into thinking that the Patriots were going to attack New York. Instead, they surrounded Yorktown and forced my surrender on October 19, 1781.

I am _____

George Washington	Charles Cornwallis	John Adams	Sam Adams
Thomas Paine	Ben Franklin	Thomas Jefferson	Patrick Henry
LaFayette	Crispus Attucks	Benedict Arnold	Paul Revere

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Answer Key

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