

The Revolutionary Period of American Literature



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Literature of the Period

- *It celebrated the virtues of hard working colonists*
- *It was a product of historical experiences*

VERY POLITICAL

VERY PUBLIC

Any writing of permanent importance from the Revolutionary era is political writing.



The American statesmen of the Revolutionary period were figures of the Enlightenment .

IT WAS THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

- *Period of great scientific, cultural, and philosophical advances*
- *Also known as the Age of Reason because...*
- *There was a focus on logic and reason*
- *Very little interest in the hereafter – emphasized this life*
- *By nature, people were good – not evil*

What led to the Revolutionary War?

STAMP ACT

BOSTON TEA PARTY

BOSTON MASSACRE



King George III and Parliament imposed many unwise and unfair regulations that threatened the liberties of Americans.

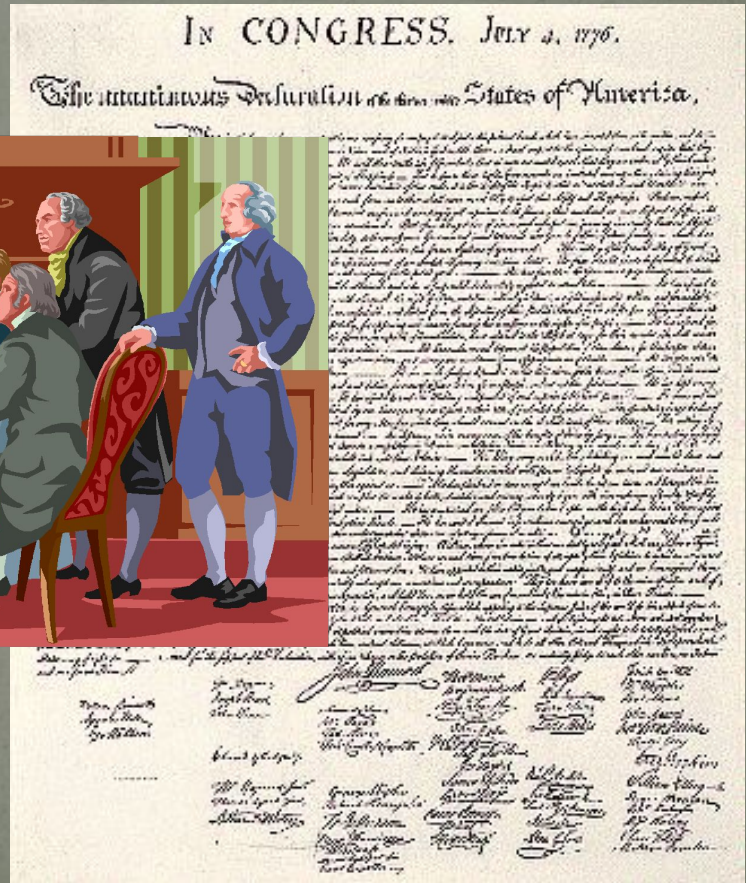
FAMOUS WRITERS OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT

Benjamin Franklin

Thomas Paine

Thomas Jefferson

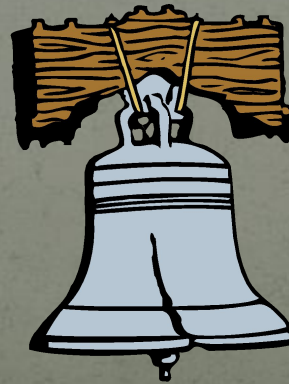
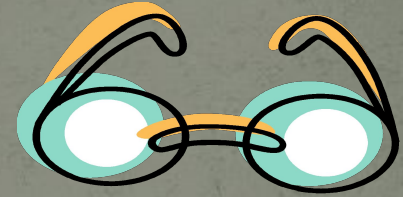
Patrick Henry



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

"Fish and visitors stink after three days"

- *Printer, Statesman, Scientist, Writer*
- *Poor Richard's Almanack* and *The Autobiography*
- *"Jack of all trades, master of many."*
- *Aphorisms*
- *Virtues*



THOMAS PAINÉ

"These are the times that try men's souls"

- *Journalist, essayist*
- *Introduced by Franklin to American society*
- *Most influential writer in American history*
- *Wrote 16 pamphlets*
- *Pamphlet *Common Sense* created mood for revolution by using "Charged Words"*



"Nothing more than education advances the prosperity, the power, and the happiness of a nation"

- *the principal author of the Declaration of Independence*
- *Statesman, planter, lawyer, architect, speaker, inventor*
- *Jefferson had a lifelong interest in language and linguistics, could read and write in a number of languages and was conversant in several, including Greek, Italian, French, German, and Spanish.*
- *It is widely known as one of the main founders of the doctrine of separation of church and state.*
- *Wrote pamphlet which were published the first convent of Virginia called a general overview of British America (A Summary View of the Rights of British America).*



PATRICK HENRY

"Give me Liberty or Give me death!"

- *Considered the most powerful ORATOR of the American Revolution*



- *Speech in the VA Convention had a strong impact on those who heard it that it fed the revolutionary spirit that led to the signing of The Declaration of Independence*

IMPORTANT TERMS ●

Wilderness

Hereafter

Tended

Musket

Pamphlet

Flourish

Soap-maker

Printer

Pavement

Precept

Correspondence

Almanacs

Witty

Cutting

Edict

Dozen

Humble

Admires

Getting ahead

Fabulous