



Early Americans in History

Social Studies

New Dimensions Media 2000

6 10-minute programs for grades 2-8

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Dramatizes how six of our most important citizens and heroes: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Betsy Ross from the Revolutionary War period, and Abraham Lincoln and Harriet Tubman from the Civil War era, affected the course of American history. These videos are Closed Captioned.

1. Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad

Social Studies 1.12, 3.11, USI.9

It was neither underground nor a railroad, yet the Underground Railroad was a route from south to north taken by thousands of slaves on their dangerous journey to freedom. Harriet Tubman was one of the Underground Railroad's most courageous conductors, as young people learn in this program.

2. Betsy Ross Makes a Flag:

Social Studies: K.1, K.9, 1.11

Betsy Ross, a patriot of the American Revolution, made many sacrifices: two of her husbands died in the war, she made pouches for soldiers to carry gunpowder, and she even had to tolerate British occupation of her house. But she is most remembered for sewing the first American flag.

3. Ben Franklin: Man of Firsts

Social Studies: 1.2, 1.3, USI.6

Ben Franklin's ideas and actions seem to be the essence of the American Character. Using many of the sites and artifacts associated with him in his adopted city of Philadelphia, this summary of his seemingly infinite variety will help young viewers understand his many achievements.

4. Jefferson and the Declaration of

Independence:

Social Studies: K.9, 1.3, 2.11, VS.5, VS.6, USI.5, USI.6

"That all men are created equal" are perhaps the most revolutionary words in history. Learn how Thomas Jefferson was chosen by the Continental Congress to write them, how the Declaration was amended, and how it failed to deal with America's most difficult issue, slavery.

would win the Revolutionary War after this crisis.

5. Lincoln at Gettysburg:

Social Studies: K.1, K.9, 1.2, 1.3, 2.11, 3.11, VS.7, USI.9

Featuring a calm yet emotional reading of the complete Gettysburg Address, this program dramatizes for young viewers how Abraham Lincoln reconciled the horrors of this battle. The underlying conflicts and the progress of the battle provide the background to the portrayal of his greatest achievement.

6. Washington at Valley Forge:

Social Studies: K.1, K.9, 1.2, 1.3, 2.11, 3.11, VS.5, VS.6, USI.6

Introduces young viewers to the background and major events of this crucial period in American history. It emphasizes how important George Washington's leadership was in ensuring that the Colonial army