

2024

Guide to Hosting the American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibition



SCAVENGER HUNT: REVOLUTIONARY FACT OR FICTION

Created by the NSDAR America 250 Committee

Please write True or False for the following statements using the banners in the exhibition.

1		The American Revolution took place because the 13 Colonies wanted freedom from Great Britain.
2		The American soldiers were called “minute men” because of their patriotic uniforms.
3		Women/Girls participated in the American Revolution.
4		Paul Revere is famous for shoeing horses during the American Revolution.
5		There were spies during the American Revolution and many of them were women/girls.
6		Children and teenagers were kept far away from Revolutionary War activities.
7		The Continental Congress hired pirates known as “privateers”, to attack British shipping.
8		Native Americans played major roles in the Revolutionary War. They supported both armies as scouts, soldiers and diplomats.
9		The Declaration of Independence was written during the Revolutionary War. There is only one copy of this document.
10		The Declaration of Independence is kept in the White House.

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Answer Key

1	True	The American Revolution took place because the 13 Colonies wanted freedom from Great Britain.
2	False	The American soldiers were called “minute men” because of their patriotic uniforms. <i>They had to be ready to fight at a minute’s notice.</i>
3	True	Women/Girls participated in the American Revolution. <i>Women/Girls did participate in the American Revolution. Deborah Sampson disguised herself as Robert Shurtleff and fought for two years. She received an honorable discharge and an entire military pension.</i>
4	False	Paul Revere is famous for shoeing horses during the American Revolution. <i>Paul Revere was a blacksmith, but he is famous for his “midnight ride” to inform people that the “British are coming”.</i>
5	True	There were spies during the American Revolution and many of them were women/girls.
6	False	Children and teenagers were kept far away from Revolutionary War activities. <i>Many young people helped with the war efforts. In fact, 16-year-old Sybil Ludington rode her horse for many hours to keep the New York militia informed about possible attacks.</i>
7	True	The Continental Congress hired pirates known as “privateers”, to attack British shipping.
8	True	Native Americans played major roles in the Revolutionary War. They supported both armies as scouts, soldiers and diplomats. <i>The contributions of Native Americans were critical to many important events, battles and decisions that shaped the outcome of the war.</i>

9	False	<p>The Declaration of Independence was written during the Revolutionary War. There is only one copy of this document.</p> <p><i>At the National Archives in Washington D.C., there is one copy of a fully signed and preserved Declaration of Independence. One copy was signed by all 56 members of the Second Continental Congress—the copy still seen at the National Archives today. The remaining 199 broadsides included only the names of John Hancock and Charles Thompson, Secretary of the Congress. Only 26 of those copies are around today, the rest lost in history.</i></p>
10	False	<p>The Declaration of Independence is kept in the White House.</p> <p><i>The Declaration of Independence is kept at the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.</i></p>

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Further Information

1. The **American Revolution** took place because the 13 colonies wanted *freedom from Great Britain*.
2. **Why were American soldiers Called minute men?** *They had to be ready to fight at a minute's notice.*
3. **Were there women/girls who fought in the American Revolution?** *Yes. Deborah Sampson disguised herself as Robert Shurtleff and fought for two years. She received an honorable discharge and an entire military pension.*
4. **You probably know that Paul Revere made teeth for people, but what important thing did he do for the American Revolution?** *He rode at midnight to inform people that the British Army was coming.*
5. **Were there spies during the American Revolution?** *Yes, and many of them were women/girls.*
6. **Were children and teen-agers part of the American?** *Many were, in fact, 16-year-old Sybil Ludington rode her horse for many hours to keep the New York militia informed about possible attacks.*
7. **Were pirates involved in the American Revolution?** *Yes, the Continental Congress hired pirates known as "privateers", to attack British shipping.*
8. **What did the American Indians do during the American Revolution?** *Though their stories are not often told, Native Americans played major roles in the Revolutionary War. They supported both armies as scouts, soldiers and diplomats. The contributions of Native Americans were critical to many important events, battles and decisions that shaped the outcome of the war.*
9. **How many copies of the Declaration of Independence were there?** *Jon Dunlap produced 200.*

At the National Archives in Washington D.C., there is one copy of a fully signed and preserved Declaration of Independence. When the Declaration was created, printer John Dunlap printed a total of 200 copies. One copy was signed by all 56 members of the Second Continental Congress—the copy still seen at the National Archives today. The remaining 199 broadsides included only the names of John Hancock and Charles Thompson, Secretary of the Congress. Only 26 of those copies are around today, the rest lost in history.

10. **How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?** *All 56 members of the Second Continental Congress.*