Mr. Beckett

US History

Revolution Founders

**Assignment**

Construct a moderately in-depth biographical sketch about the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Oh, and to create heads on sticks. Explained later.

**Instructions**

Follow the numbered steps below to create the above. I have preselected the groups and personnel, you are responsible for the founders’ biographies.

1. Briefly detail the following biographical information regarding your founders:
2. Early life (birth, parents, childhood, etc.)
3. Career (job, marriage)
4. Politics (involvement in community, election to office)
5. 2nd Continental Congress – why was he appointed?
6. At the 2nd continental Congress…
7. What committees did he serve on?
8. What was his opinion on independence from Great Britain?
9. What was his final vote on independence? Why?
10. Memorable contributions or quotes related to his role on the 2nd Continental Congress?
11. After independence, what did he go on to do during the Revolutionary War?
12. Head on a stick: Enlarge a portrait of your guy so he is neatly displayed on a regular 8.5/11 piece of paper. Crop if necessary, but make sure it is a clear and clean printout. Cut out and attach to popsicle sticks.
13. Due next Friday, September 14th.

**Group assignments and founders on next page.**

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| **Delaware**    | • [George Read](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/read.htm) | • [Caesar Rodney](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/rodney.htm) (1) |
|  | • [Thomas McKean](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/mckean.htm) |  |
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| **Pennsylvania**    | • [George Clymer](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/clymer.htm) | • [Benjamin Franklin](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/franklin.htm) (2.3) |
|  | • [Robert Morris](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/morris_r.htm) | • [John Morton](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/morton.htm) |
|  | • [Benjamin Rush](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/rush.htm) | • [George Ross](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/ross.htm) |
|  | • [James Smith](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/smith.htm) | • [James Wilson](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/wilson.htm) |
|  | • [George Taylor](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/taylor.htm) |  |
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| **Massachusetts**    | • [John Adams](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/adams_j.htm) | • [Samuel Adams](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/adams_s.htm) (4) |
|  | • [John Hancock](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/hancock.htm) | • [Robert Treat Paine](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/paine.htm) |
|  | • [Elbridge Gerry](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/gerry.htm) |  |
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| **New Hampshire**    | • [Josiah Bartlett](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/bartlett.htm) | • [William Whipple](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/whipple.htm) (5) |
|  | • [Matthew Thornton](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/thornton.htm) |  |
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| **Rhode Island**    | • [Stephen Hopkins](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/hopkins.htm) | • [William Ellery](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/ellery.htm) (5) |
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| **New York**    | • [Lewis Morris](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/morris_l.htm) | • [Philip Livingston](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/livingston_p.htm) (6) |
|  | • [Francis Lewis](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/lewis.htm) | • [William Floyd](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/floyd.htm) |
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| **Georgia**    | • [Button Gwinnett](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/gwinnett.htm) | • [Lyman Hall](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/hall.htm) (6) |
|  | • [George Walton](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/walton.htm) |  |
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| **Virginia**    | • [Richard Henry Lee](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/rhlee.htm) | • [Francis Lightfoot Lee](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/fllee.htm) (7,8) |
|  | • [Carter Braxton](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/braxton.htm) | • [Benjamin Harrison](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/harrison.htm) |
|  | • [Thomas Jefferson](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/jefferson.htm) | • [George Wythe](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/wythe.htm) |
|  | • [homas Nelson, Jr.](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/nelson.htm) |  |
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| **North Carolina**    | • [William Hooper](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/hooper.htm) | • [John Penn](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/penn.htm) (9) |
|  | • [Joseph Hewes](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/hewes.htm) |  |
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| **South Carolina**    | • [Edward Rutledge](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/rutledge.htm) | • [Arthur Middleton](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/middleton.htm) |
|  | • [Thomas Lynch, Jr.](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/lynch.htm) | • [Thomas Heyward, Jr.](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/heyward.htm) (10) |
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| **New Jersey**    | • [Abraham Clark](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/clark.htm) | • [John Hart](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/hart.htm) |
|  | • [Francis Hopkinson](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/hopkinson.htm) | • [Richard Stockton](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/stockton.htm) (11) |
|  | • [John Witherspoon](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/witherspoon.htm) |  |
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| **Connecticut**    | • [Samuel Huntington](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/huntington.htm) | • [Roger Sherman](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/sherman.htm) (12) |
|  | • [William Williams](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/williams.htm) | • [Oliver Wolcott](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/wolcott.htm) |
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| **Maryland**    | • [Charles Carroll](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/carroll.htm) | • [Samuel Chase](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/chase.htm) (13) |
|  | • [Thomas Stone](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/stone.htm) | • [William Paca](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/paca.htm) |