Mr. Beckett

US History

Revolution Founders

**Assignment**

Construct a moderately in-depth biographical sketch about 2 guys (pick the most famous) from each colony/state who signed the Declaration of Independence.

**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. Birthplace
3. Occupation
4. Property(ies)
5. At the 2nd continental Congress…
6. Was the signer ever in favor of reconciliation with Britain, or did he always support independence?
7. Memorable quotes or actions during the 2nd Continental Congress?
8. After independence, what did he go on to do during the Revolutionary War?
9. Answer all of the above questions about your guy on a mostly full-page printout of the signer’s portrait. Try to print all, or as many as you can find, of your state/colony’s delegation.
10. Due tomorrow.

**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) |
|  | • [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) |
|  | • [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) |
|  | • [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) |
|  | • [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) |
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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) |
|  | • [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) |
|  | • [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) |
|  | • [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) |
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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) |
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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) |
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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) |
|  | • [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) |
|  | • [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) |
|  | • [Thomas Stone](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/stone.htm) | • [William Paca](http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/signers/paca.htm) |