

Name _____

Heroes Of Independence Answer Key

1. Thomas Jefferson - Wrote most of the Declaration and supported independence
2. John Hancock - First signer of the Declaration with a bold signature
3. Benjamin Franklin - Helped edit the Declaration and gained French support
4. John Adams - Strong leader for independence, helped write the Declaration

(Answers for blurbs will vary but should include the key contributions listed above.)

Teacher's Guide

- Preview vocabulary such as "independence," "delegate," and "Congress"
- Encourage students to use complete sentences and strong verbs in their blurbs
- Allow students to reference classroom texts or posters about the Founding Fathers

Differentiation Ideas

- Provide sentence frames: "He helped America by..."
- Offer brief biographies for extra reading support
- Allow oral responses for students who need writing accommodations

Engagement Strategies

- Students can "autograph" their work in the style of John Hancock
- Pair students to share their blurbs and give one compliment and one improvement tip
- Have students sort the Founding Figures into roles (e.g., writer, leader, diplomat)

Extension Opportunities

- Create trading cards for each figure with a portrait and facts
- Research one additional person who contributed to independence
- Write a short paragraph explaining why teamwork was important in 1776