



John Marshall
1755-1835 A.D. American politician, jurist, and chief justice of the Supreme Court. He was instrumental in shaping the American system of constitutional law and judicial review.



Nathan Hale
1755-1776 A.D. American patriot hero of the American Revolution who was captured and hung by the British as a spy. He was remembered for his last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."



James Monroe
1758-1831 A.D. The 5th president of the United States (1817-1825). His term was known as the "era of good feelings" and was marked by the acquisition of Florida, the Missouri Compromise, and originating the Monroe Doctrine.



The Sugar Act
1764 A.D. Designed to increase British tax revenues after a costly war, the colonists were taxed on a variety of foreign goods such as molasses, sugar, coffee, etc. This severely reduced trade and upset colonial economy, setting the stage for revolt.



Noah Webster
1758-1843 A.D. American author, teacher, and lexicographer, noted for his *American Dictionary of the English Language*, published in 1828, and *Spelling Book*, which helped set the standard for spelling in America and aid in education.



French and Indian War
1754-1763 A.D. Rivalry for the land west of the thirteen colonies sparked a conflict between a group of Virginians, called the "Ohio Company," and the French for the territories. The French, aided by several Native American tribes, were defeated by the British colonies, and the Treaty of Paris was signed, giving Britain control of Canada.



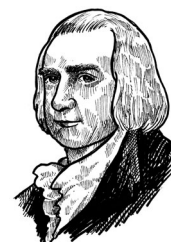
Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley "Molly Pitcher"
1754-1832 A.D. American revolutionary heroine who married colonial soldier John Casper Hays. At the battle of Monmouth, she earned her nickname by bringing thirsty soldiers pitchers of water. When her husband was overcome with heat, she manned the cannon in his place.



Betsy Griscom Ross
1752-1836 A.D. Believed to have been the seamstress who made the first American flag presented to Congress by George Washington. The request ordered that "the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."



Evangeline and the Acadians
1755 A.D. The expulsion of the French settlers of Acadia by the British led to the families being loaded onto ships and scattered across the eastern coast of North America to begin their lives again. The event was immortalized by the poet, Longfellow, who wrote of Evangeline and her years of searching for her beloved Gabriel.



John Jacob Astor
1763-1848 A.D. German-born capitalist and fur trader who established great wealth through his American Fur Company and through wise investments.