

NOTABLE PEOPLE – INDEPENDENCE

What is a Notable Person?

A Notable Person is a person who contributes to a cause in a special way.

During the American Revolution, many people contributed on both the British and the colonial sides to the fight for freedom from Great Britain.

Some of these Notable People are well-known:

- **Thomas Jefferson** was the main author of the Declaration of Independence.
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- **Patrick Henry** was a British American statesman who argued against British taxation of the colonies and gave the famous speech "Give liberty or give me death".
- **King George III** was the ruler in Great Britain when the Declaration of Independence was signed.

Other Notable People are not as well-known:

- **Phillis Wheatley** was an African-American woman who became known for her poetry.
- **The Hessians** were a group of German soldiers hired by the British to fight against the colonists.
- **Thomas Paine** was the Englishman who wrote the booklet "Common Sense" to persuade the colonists that they needed to be free from Great Britain's rule.

The actions of these Notable People added to the end result: **freedom** from Great Britain for the colonies and the formation of a new nation, the **United States of America**.