

## NOTABLE PEOPLE – INDEPENDENCE

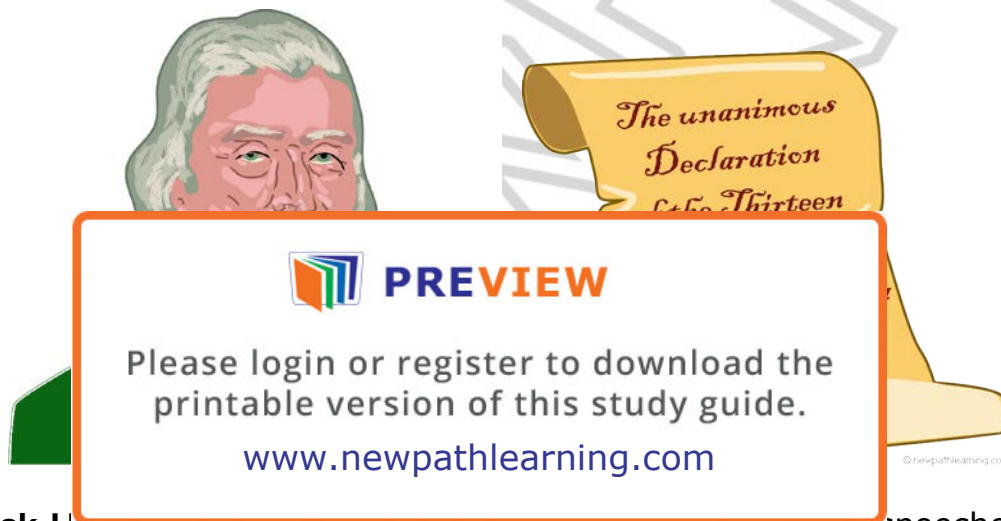
### What is a Notable Person?

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 the Patriot who became famous for his speeches against British taxation. One of his famous lines was, "Give me liberty or give me death."
- **King George III** was the leader 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**.*