



SCAVENGER HUNT: REVOLUTIONARY FACT OR FICTION

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ANSWER KEY

1. The American Revolution took place because the 13 Colonies wanted freedom from Great Britain. **TRUE**
2. The American soldiers were called “minute men” because of their patriotic uniforms. **FALSE**
They had to be ready to fight at a minute’s notice.
3. Women/Girls participated in the American Revolution. **TRUE**
Women/Girls did participate in the American Revolution. Deborah Sampson disguised herself as Robert Shurtleff and fought for two years. She received an honorable discharge and an entire military pension.
4. Paul Revere is famous for shoeing horses during the American Revolution. **FALSE**
Paul Revere was a blacksmith, but he is famous for his “midnight ride” to inform people that the “British are coming”.
5. There were spies during the American Revolution and many of them were women/girls. **TRUE**
6. Children and teenagers were kept far away from Revolutionary War activities. **FALSE**
Many young people helped with the war efforts. In fact, 16-year-old Sybil Ludington rode her horse for many hours to keep the New York militia informed about possible attacks.



7. The Continental Congress hired pirates known as “privateers”, to attack British shipping. **TRUE**
8. Native Americans played major roles in the Revolutionary War. They supported both armies as scouts, soldiers and diplomats. **TRUE**
The contributions of Native Americans were critical to many important events, battles and decisions that shaped the outcome of the war.
9. The Declaration of Independence was written during the Revolutionary War. There is only one copy of this document. **FALSE**
At the National Archives in Washington D.C., there is one copy of a fully signed and preserved Declaration of Independence. One copy was signed by all 56 members of the Second Continental Congress—the copy still seen at the National Archives today. The remaining 199 broadsides included only the names of John Hancock and Charles Thompson, Secretary of the Congress. Only 26 of those copies are around today, the rest lost in history.
10. The Declaration of Independence is kept in the White House. **FALSE**
The Declaration of Independence is kept at the National Archives Building in. Washington, D.C.