

Suggestions in Selecting Persons for the Sons of American Revolution Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest

There are many men and women from whom to select one for the poster.

There are the well-known men such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Samuel Adams, etc. There were those who became heroes for acts they performed, persons such as Paul Revere, William Dawes and James Prescott for their ride of warning. There were other patriot heroes such as Ethan Allen, Patrick Henry, Francis "Swamp Fox" Marion, and Light Horse Harry Lee. There were the signers of the Declaration of Independence such as some of the aforementioned plus John Hancock, Stephen Hopkins, Roger Sherman and more. There were members of the Continental Congress. There were more than 30 Major Generals who lead troops during the war; among them were Benedict Arnold, Nathaniel Greene, Robert Howe, Anthony Wayne, Henry Knox, and Horatio Gates. Additionally, there were many Brigadier Generals who achieved their own fame, such as Christopher Gadsden. Let not be forgotten John Paul Jones of the Navy.

Many women were patriots during the Revolutionary War. Practically everyone has heard of Martha Washington, Abigail Adams and Betsy Ross, but what of the lesser knowns such as Deborah Sampson, Sybil Ludington, Molly Pitcher, Mercy Otis Warren, Lydia Darragh and many more. Much information can be found on women patriots of the Revolutionary War online.

Finally, there may be a Revolutionary War patriot ancestor in the student's lineage who they may wish to make the subject of your poster.

The key is to pick one of high interest to the student, research that person online and in books, create a poster telling the story of the person. Compile the information so that it may be referred to during the creation of the poster. If sketches or portraits are drawn of the person, be mindful of the clothing that they wore during that time and their hair style.

No printing of items, cutting and pasting them to the poster is permitted. Original student artwork created by hand or by computer may be cut and pasted to the poster.