

## Suggested Resource List

### Primary Sources

[“The Declaration of Independence”](#) at the National Archives web site

[“Common Sense”](#) by Thomas Paine at the Online Library of Liberty

### Recommended Books

Allen, Danielle. *Our Declaration: A Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Defense of Equality*. W. W. Norton, 2015.

Amar, Akil Reed. *The Words that Made Us*. Basic Books, 2021.

Ellis, Joseph. *Founding Brothers*. Knopf, 2000.

Hackett Fischer, David. *Washington’s Crossing*. Oxford University Press, 2004.

Heidler, David S, Jeanne T. *Washington’s Circle: The Creation of the President*. Random House, 2015.

Martin, Joseph Plumb. *Memoir of a Revolutionary Soldier: The Narrative of Joseph Plumb Martin*. Dover, 2006.

Rosen, Jeffrey. *The Pursuit of Happiness: How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of the Founders and Defined America*. Simon and Schuster, 2024.

Schiff, Stacy. *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*. Little, Brown & Co. 2022.

### Web Sites

[LibertyFund.org](http://LibertyFund.org)

The Museum of the American Revolution: [Interactives](#)

[The American Battlefield Trust](#)

### Film and media

*1776*, Director Peter Hunt, Written by Peter Stone and Sherman Edwards. 1972.

*Hamilton*, Written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, 2020.

*Ben Franklin’s World* podcast by Liz Covart and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.