

1. **Abigail:** Mrs. John Adams

2. **Ben Franklin:**



oldest member of Congress. Advocate for Independence. He was from Pennsylvania

3. **Caesar Rodney:**



Delaware delegate who had cancer on his face - must return from his death bed to settle the division over independence between Thomas M'Kean and George Read.

4. **Edward Rutledge:**



South Carolina delegate who supported slavery.

5. **George Washington:** was not in Congress. He was head of the "Continental Army" fighting a losing battle in New York City at the time of the signing of the Declaration on July 4, 1776

6. **James Wilson:**



cast the final vote for independence

7. **John Adams:**



Massachusetts delegate who was the one most responsible for US independence

8. **John Dickinson:**



opposed the Declaration of Independence; ONLY delegate in Congress who refused to sign the Declaration of Independence

9. **John Hancock:** the chairman ("president") of Congress from Massachusetts

10. **July 4, 1776:** the day of independence for the United States (which was over a year AFTER the American Revolution's fighting had begun)

11. **Liberty Bell:** name of the bell which hung in Independence Hall in Philadelphia where Congress met

12. **Lyman Hall:** delegate from Georgia who also was a doctor - conflicted on how to represent his people.

13. **Martha:** Mrs. Thomas Jefferson

14. **McNair:** the janitor (or custodian) of Congress. Of course, he was not a member of Congress but always seemed to have an opinion about things.

15. **Molasses:** made in the West Indies and sold to New England and elsewhere - Part of the Triangle Trade

16. **New Jersey:** Rev. John Witherspoon and other delegates arrive late because their colony had recently changed from opposing to supporting Independence

17. **New York:** only colony who did not cast a "yeah" or "nay" vote in any of the roll calls - abstained courteously!

18. **Richard Henry Lee:**



convinced Virginia to support independence and delivered the proposal for independence.

19. **Roger Sherman:** simple cobbler from Connecticut - Our very own delegate - On the Declaration committee.

20. **Rum:** made in New England and sold in Africa and elsewhere - Part of the Triangle Trade

21. **Saltpetar:** used to make gunpowder - John asked Abigail to have the ladies make this.
22. **Samuel Chase:** Delegate from Maryland who is convinced to vote yes when he saw the Continental Army could fight and win the war.
23. **Stephen Hopkins:** was the delegate from Rhode Island that drank too much rum, but strongly supported Independence
24. **Thomas Jefferson:**



actual author of the Declaration of Independence- others merely gave advice (lots of it), one of the youngest members of Congress, and an expert violinist. He also was a scientist who took the weather readings every day that Congress met

25. **Voting system in Congress:** each colony had only ONE vote regardless of the number o delegates the colony sent to Congress