

MASSACHUSETTS REVOLUTIONARIES: *Bold Stories Bright Legacies*

MASSACHUSETTS STUDENTS, TELL US: WHO IS THE MOST IMPORTANT REVOLUTIONARY IN MASSACHUSETTS HISTORY?

As part of the Massachusetts 250 initiative, we're inviting all Massachusetts K-12 public school students to submit your creative work to tell the story of an important revolutionary in our state's history. Use your talents and create a project about your chosen revolutionary and submit it by April 17. This spring, we will choose winning entries and invite those students to a celebration!

LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION?

Looking for a list of potential topics to help you get started? Here are some important Massachusetts figures who may fit your definition of a revolutionary:

Mum Bett - The first African American woman to successfully sue for her freedom in court

Crispus Attucks - Boston man of mixed African and Indigenous heritage who died in the Boston Massacre, considered a revolutionary in the cause of independence

John Adams: First Vice President and President of the United States, and author of the Massachusetts state constitution, which was the model for the U.S. Constitution

Lucy Stone: Women's rights leader and first woman in Massachusetts to earn a college degree

William Apess: Pequot preacher who led the Mashpee Revolt, a non-violent protest for indigenous rights

Francis Cabot Lowell: Massachusetts entrepreneur, considered to have brought the Industrial Revolution to the United States

Horace Mann: First Massachusetts Secretary of Education who established our public school system

Massachusetts 54th Regiment: One of the first Black regiments to serve in the Civil War

Helen Keller: Disabilities rights leader who was an original member of the Massachusetts Commission of the Blind, among many other accomplishments

James Naismith: Inventor of basketball, which began in Springfield

Robert Goddard: Clark University professor who invented the liquid powered rocket, a first step in space exploration

Bobbi Gibb: First woman to run the Boston Marathon, despite the race only being open to men at the time

Edward Brooke: First African American U.S. Senator to be elected by the popular vote

Frank "Wamsutta" James: Wampanoag leader and civil rights activist who delivered an important speech about indigenous rights on what became the first National Day of Mourning.

Jane Swift: First woman to serve as Acting Governor of Massachusetts