PEOPLE

EARLY AMERICANS

George Washington:



SOL 1.2 He was born in Virginia. He was a farmer. He became a brave leader of soldiers. He was the first President of the United States. He is known as the "Father of Our Country."

SOL 2.1 He led the fight for freedom from England and helped establish a new country.

SOL 3.1 He was the first President of the new nation. He worked under

the new republican form of government. He helped put the basic principles into practice for the new nation.

Thomas Jefferson:



SOL 1.2 He was born in Virginia. He was the third President of the United States. He wrote the Declaration of Independence, which states that people have certain rights. He was a leader who helped develop the country.

Benjamin Franklin:



SOL 1.2 He proved that electricity was present in lightning through his kite experiment. He started the first library and the first volunteer fire department in America.

Abraham Lincoln:



SOL 1.2 He was born in a log cabin. He taught himself how to read. He became a United States President. He was known as "Honest Abe."

SOL 2.11 He was the President of the United States who helped free African American **slaves**.

SOL 3.11 He was the United States President when the country was divided

over the issue of equality for all people. He helped free African American slaves.



WOMEN'S RIGHTS Susan B. Anthony:

SOL 2.11 She led the struggle to give **women** equal rights, including the right to vote.



Eleanor Roosevelt:

SOL 1.2 (NEW) She was a leader for **equal rights** for all people. She volunteered for many organizations.

AFRICAN AMERICAN – CIVIL RIGHTS



George Washington Carver:

SOL 1.2 He was an African American who studied science and plants. He became a teacher. He developed hundreds of uses for peanuts, sweet potatoes, and soybeans.



Rosa Parks:

SOL 3.11 She is an African American woman who refused to give up her seat on a public bus as was required by law many years ago. She

helped to bring about changes in laws and worked so that all people would have equal rights.

Martin Luther King, Jr.:



SOL 2.11 He was an African American minister who worked so that all people would be treated fairly. He led peaceful marches and gave speeches.

SOL 3.11 He was an African American minister who worked

for equal rights for all people. He helped bring about changes in laws through peaceful means.

Jackie Robinson:



SOL 2.11 He was the first African American player in the major leagues of baseball. His actions helped to bring about other opportunities for African Americans.

Thurgood Marshall:



SOL 3.11 He was a lawyer who defended people at a time when not all people had equal rights. He was the first African American justice of the United States Supreme Court

César Chávez:



SOL 3.11 (NEW) He was a Mexican American who worked to improve conditions for farm workers.

RIGHTS OF DISABLED

Helen Keller:



SOL 2.11 She overcame disabilities and worked to help others who were **blind and deaf.**

Betsy Ross:



SOL K.1 She is believed to have sewn one of the first flags for our country.

EXPLORERS (SOL 3.3)

Christopher Columbus



Sponsoring Country: Spain

Reason for Exploring: To find a western

sea route to Asia

Successes/Achievement: First European to discover a sea route to America; discovered "New World"

(landed at San Salvador)

Jacques Cartier



Sponsoring Country: France

Reason for Exploring: To colonize the New

World

Successes/Achievement: Explored the St. Lawrence River Valley (near Quebec, Canada) and gave France a North

American claim

Juan Ponce de Léon



Sponsoring Country: Spain
Reason for Exploring: To discover
riches and land to conquer
Successes/Achievement: First
European to land in Florida (near St.
Augustine); gave Spain claim to Florida

Christopher Newport



Sponsoring Country: England
Reason for Exploring: To discover riches; find a western sea route to Asia; colonize Virginia
Successes/Achievement: Arrived at present day Jamestown; made four additional voyages bringing more people to Jamestown; was one of the first me to reach the Fall Line of the

James River