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 3.1 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.: He was an African American minister who worked so that all people would be treated fairly. He led peaceful marches and gave speeches. He helped bring about changes in laws through peaceful means.

Jackie Robinson: 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: 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: He was a Mexican American who worked to improve conditions for farm workers.

Helen Keller: She overcame disabilities and worked to help others who were blind and deaf.

Betsy Ross: 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)

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

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

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