

Who Were the Founding Fathers?

Week 26 • Monday • The Leaders Who Built a Nation

Reading Time

When America decided to become free, it needed wise leaders to help build the new country. We call these leaders the **Founding Fathers**.

George Washington led the army and later became the first president. **Thomas Jefferson** wrote the Declaration of Independence. **Benjamin Franklin** was an inventor, printer, and wise helper. **John Adams** spoke bravely for freedom.

The Founding Fathers did not agree on everything. They argued, talked, and listened to each other. But they shared one big dream: a country where the people would rule themselves. This week you will meet these leaders and read their most famous words!

Reading Questions

1. What do we call the leaders who helped build America?

2. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

3. What was Benjamin Franklin known for?

4. What big dream did the Founding Fathers share?

This Week's Goals

By the end of this week, you will be able to:

1. Name at least three Founding Fathers and what they did.
2. Explain what the Declaration of Independence says.
3. Tell why July 4, 1776 is a special date.
4. Connect the Founding Fathers' ideas to your own life.

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

founder

leader

declaration

president

inventor

nation

Match the Founding Father

Write the name that matches each clue: Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, or Adams.

Clue	Name
I led the army and became the first president.	
I wrote the Declaration of Independence.	
I was an inventor and printer.	
I spoke bravely for freedom.	

Think About It

1. The Founding Fathers argued but still worked together. Why is that important?

2. What makes someone a good leader?

Fill in the Blanks

Founding Fathers

Washington

Jefferson

Franklin

dream

listened

1. America's early leaders are called the _____.

2. George _____ led the army.

3. Thomas _____ wrote the Declaration.

4. Benjamin _____ was an inventor and printer.

5. The leaders argued, talked, and _____.

6. They shared a _____ of a free country.

Draw It!

Draw your favorite Founding Father doing his job — leading the army, writing, or inventing!



Review

I learned...	Circle one
Who the Founding Fathers were	YES / NOT YET
What each leader did	YES / NOT YET
The dream they shared	YES / NOT YET