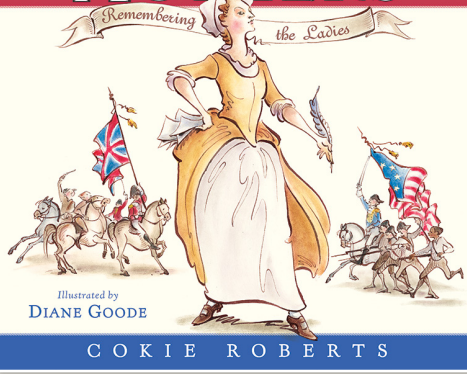


# FOUNDING MOTHERS



# Remembering the Ladies

While George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and many more of America's Founding Fathers were creating the Constitution, forming the first government, and fighting in battles, the mothers, wives, sisters, and friends of these men were working tirelessly behind the scenes of the Revolution and contributed to the country's birth as significantly as the men in the spotlight. These extraordinary women have made America the nation it is today.

How well do you know the *women* who founded America?  
Match the Founding Mother with her contribution to history.

- 1) Wrote political letters, plays, and poems arguing for American independence from Britain
- 2) Famously saved the portrait of George Washington during the British invasion of the White House
- 3) Published the famous newspaper article "Sentiments of an American Woman"
- 4) Grew indigo for soldiers' uniforms, which became the biggest money-making crop in South Carolina
- 5) Wrote poetry as a slave that was later published, internationally celebrated, and praised by George Washington
- 6) Ran the postal service for the colonies and expanded Ben Franklin's printing enterprise to western Pennsylvania
- 7) Ran a successful plantation and some say she helped Eli Whitney invent the cotton gin
- 8) Boosted soldier morale during long winters at Valley Forge with food, entertainment, prayer, and doctor care
- 9) Accompanied her lawyer/ambassador husband on many diplomatic trips to France and Spain and always kept her sense of humor throughout tough times
- 10) Fought to improve the lives of American women, especially in education, as the second First Lady



ELIZA LUCAS PINCKNEY



DEBORAH READ FRANKLIN



MERCY OTIS WARREN



PHILLIS WHEATLEY



ABIGAIL ADAMS



MARTHA WASHINGTON



ESTHER DEBERDT REED



SARAH LIVINGSTON JAY



DOLLEY MADISON



CATHARINE LITTLEFIELD GREENE

Answer Key: 1. Mercy Otis Warren; 2. Dolley Madison; 3. Esther DeBerdt Reed; 4. Eliza Lucas Pinckney; 5. Phillis Wheatley; 6. Deborah Read Franklin; 7. Catharine Littlefield Greene; 8. Martha Washington; 9. Sarah Livingston Jay; 10. Abigail Adams