

## **American Revolution Matching Activity**

SOLs: VS.1a-b, VS.1d, VS.1g, VS.3c-d, VS.4c-d, VS.5a-b  
Reading 4.3; Reading 5.4

**DIRECTIONS:** Write the letter of the description on the right that best describes the name of the event, person, or act on the left.

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| _____ St. John's Church  | A. A group of people prepared to defend their land from attack  |
| _____ Debt               | B. The second capital of Virginia   |
| _____ Resolution         | C. Wrote the Declaration of Independence  |
| _____ Charter            | D. Where Patrick Henry gave his famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech  |
| _____ Williamsburg       | E. These people remained loyal to Great Britain in the Revolutionary War  |
| _____ George Washington  | F. Virginia's colonial legislative body made up of elected representatives  |
| _____ Thomas Jefferson   | G. Someone who is chosen, or elected, by the people in their area to vote for them in government                        |
| _____ Loyalists          | H. A good or service owed to another  |
| _____ House of Burgesses | I. An official document that explains, promises, or demands certain things  |
| _____ Patrick Henry      | J. An enslaved African American who served in the Continental Army and successfully requested his freedom after the war |
| _____ Militia            | K. Commander-in-Chief of Continental Army   |
| _____ James Lafayette    | L. A decision a group votes on  |
| _____ Representative     | M. Elected first governor of Virginia   |

## **Definitions**

Charter – An official document that explains, promises, or demands certain things.

House of Burgesses – The first elected legislative body in English America, and Virginia's colonial government.

Williamsburg – Virginia's second capital. The capital moved here from Jamestown for a number of reasons.

Debt – A good or service owed to another.

Representative – Someone who is chosen, or elected, by the people in their area to vote for them in government.

Parliament – The elected government in England, or Great Britain. Believed it had legal authority in the colonies and the right to tax the colonies.

"Taxation without representation" – When an elected government passes a tax on a people who do not have representatives in that government. For instance, Parliament passed taxes on the American colonies, which did not have representatives in Parliament. Patrick Henry spoke out against this violation of colonists' rights.

Resolution – A decision a group votes on.

Militia – A group of people prepared to defend their land against attack.

George Washington – The Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Elected the first president of the United States of America.

Thomas Jefferson – Wrote the Declaration of Independence, which stated that authority to govern belongs to the people rather than to kings.

Patrick Henry – Inspired patriots by speaking out against British violations of colonists' rights by saying "Give me liberty or give me death!" Elected the first governor of Virginia.