

## Colonial Heroes: Samuel Adams (1722-1803)

Samuel Adams discovered his disappoiment with the British Empire very early in life. By the time most all the colonies in North America were ruled by the Empire, but not everybody was happy about it. In a colony, Adams and his father had a lot of money as a result of Britain's influence. Their early income would speak as another reason of dissatisfaction with British rule in Adams.

As an adult, Adams specifically opposed Britain's high tax rates and the presence of British troops in the colonies. In 1765, Adams wrote a letter that encouraged the colonists to publicly oppose British rule. The letter, not surprisingly, started from a lot of emotion, both positive and negative. When the Second Continental Congress gathered to write the Declaration of Independence, Adams was among those who signed it, knowing that would later become known as the American Revolution.

Without brave and bold heroes like Samuel Adams, the Thirteen Colonies might never have become the United States of America.

Why would Adams and other early revolutionaries be against the presence of British troops in the colonies?

What sort of reactions do you think Adams's 1765 letter received?

If you had been at the Second Continental Congress, would you have signed the Declaration of Independence? Why or why not?

