Aaron Burr

1756–1836

- U.S. vice president, 1801–1805
- rival of Alexander Hamilton, whom he killed in an 1804 duel

1764–1783: Colonial Unrest and the American Revolution
1784–1799: A New Nation Begins
1800–1849: National Expansion and Social Change

Abigail Adams

1744–1818

- wife of U.S. Founding Father and President John Adams
- early women's rights advocate and abolitionist

Abraham Lincoln

1809–1865

- U.S. representative from Illinois, 1847–1849
- U.S. president, 1861–1865
- issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863
- assassinated in 1865

Alexander Hamilton

1755–1804

- U.S. Founding Father
- one of the writers of the Federalist Papers to promote ratification of the U.S. Constitution
- first U.S. treasury secretary, 1789–1795
- proposed the First Bank of the United States in 1791

Algonquins

- people indigenous to northeastern North America
- interacted with the first permanent English colony of Jamestown

Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca

~1490–~1560

- Spanish explorer
- leader of the first group of Europeans to explore what is now Texas

Amelia Bloomer

1818–1894

- women's rights activist
- owner and editor of a newspaper called *The Lily*
- promoted pants worn beneath women's skirts, which came to be known as "bloomers"

Amerigo Vespucci

1454–1512

- Italian explorer who sailed for Spain and Portugal
- reached South America and labeled it the “new world”
- America is named after him

Andrew Jackson

1767–1845

- major general in the War of 1812
- U.S. president, 1829–1837
- nicknamed Old Hickory

Anna Strong

1740–1812

- Patriot spy for the Continental Army during the American Revolution
- member of the Culper Spy Ring that operated on Long Island and in New York City