## **Female Leaders**



This is an image of Mercy Otis Warren. She hosted meetings in her home during the American Revolution. During the meetings, people talked about new laws that the British made for the colonies. They thought that these laws were unfair! For example, there was a law that said that Americans had to pay extra money, called a tax, when they purchased a newspaper. The extra money went to the British. The colonists didn't think this was fair because they wanted to make their own laws. They felt like they were being controlled by the British.

Mercy Otis Warren also wrote poems and plays about how it was unfair for the British to control colonists. She was one of the only women who wrote poems and plays! Only men usually wrote poems and plays.



This is an image of Abigail Adams. Abigail Adams is famous for a few reasons. First, she created weapons that men used during the Revolutionary War. She took all of the silver and steel in her house, melted it, and made bullets. The bullets were used by men who were fighting in the war. Second, Abigail Adams was an advisor to her husband, John Adams. John Adams was a leader during the American Revolution. John went to meetings to talk about how America should become free from the British. Abigail wrote letters to John with advice about the kind of laws America should have after it was free from the British. In one letter, Abigail told him to "remember the ladies." This means that she wanted John to make sure that there were laws that were specifically about women. For example, she wanted there to be laws that gave women more education and let them own houses and land.



This is a picture of Margaret Corbin. In the picture, Margaret is loading a cannon. A cannon is a very large gun that is used during a war. Cannons were more powerful than regular guns. During the Revolutionary War, soldiers shot cannons at their enemies. Margaret is famous because she was one of the only women who loaded a cannon and fought during the Revolutionary War. During the war, most women stayed at home with their children while their husbands were fighting. Margaret did not stay at home! She went with her husband to war. She even wore a soldier's uniform! When her husband was killed in battle, she took her husband's place and fought with the male soldiers. She was even shot three times, but lived! She was important because she showed men that women could be strong and brave fighters.

Sources: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mercy\_Otis\_Warren.jpg https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abigail\_Adams https://www.dar.org/national-society/margaret-cochran-corbin



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This is a drawing of Penelope Barker. Penelope is famous for telling American women not to buy tea from England. She wanted Americans to stop buying tea and other items from the British. If people stopped buying items from the British, the British could not collect taxes. She even wrote to the British to tell them that the colonists would not pay the taxes!



This is a drawing of Prudence Wright. Prudence was known for protecting her town in Massachusetts during the American Revolution. After the men in the town left to fight in the Revolutionary war, no men were left to protect the town if the British came. Prudence asked 40 women to get together to put on men's clothing and carry weapons to protect the town. She called the group the Minutewomen!

# Making a Claim

A claim is an argument that people may or may not agree with.

To make people believe your claim, you must use evidence or information that will help people understand your claim.

Review the statements below as a class. Decide if the statement is a claim or a fact. A fact is a widely accepted piece of information.

- George Washington was the first president of the United States.
- George Washington was the best president of the United States.
- Women were just as important as men in the Revolutionary War.
- Women participated in the Revolutionary War.
- Many soldiers died in the Revolutionary War.



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### Creating a Youtube Episode

Follow the steps to create your Youtube episode.

#### Step 1: Choose an Audience

Your first step is to choose who your audience will be. The audience is the group of people who will watch your episodes. You can choose one or more audiences. Highlight or circle your choice.

- 3rd-5th graders
- Teachers of 3rd-5th graders
- Other historians
- People who think that women didn't contribute to the American Revolution
- Other (ask your teacher for permission about choosing a different audience)

Step 2: Choose Names for Your Channel and Episode
Your next step is to choose a name for your channel and episode. You should choose names that will appeal to your audience!
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Name for Episode:

### Step 3: Come Up With a Claim

Your next step is to come up with a claim about women during the American Revolution. Then, you will describe two pieces of evidence that you used to back up your claim. You should use the handout called "Female Leaders" to find evidence to back up your claim.

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• Evidence #1:

Evidence: #2:



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#### Step 3: Write an Episode

Your episode must have an opening, middle, and closing.

#### Opening:

An opening is the first thing you will say when you start recording your episode. You should introduce yourself and give background information on what the episode will be about. Your opening should grab the attention of your viewers! You might want to sing a song, tell a cool story, or do a dance to get people's attention! Write 3 or more sentences below that you will say for your opening.

#### Middle:

Next, you will state your claim. Then, you should talk about the sources you chose to back up your claim! Write 4 or more sentences below that you will say in the middle of your episode.



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#### **Closing:**

You should tell viewers that the episode is over. You should also tell viewers that there will be more episodes coming soon. You might want to give a "sneak peek" on what you will talk about in another episode! Think about how to make your closing interesting so people will want to watch other episodes. Write 3 or more sentences below that you will say for your closing.

#### **Step 4: Practice**

You will now practice what you will say during your recorded episode. You can ready directly from your notes or you can use your notes to remind you about things you want to say.

Write notes below as you practice. You might want to write a note reminding you to state your claim. Or, you could write a note that you want to incorporate music in the background.



### How to Record a Youtube Episode Like a Professional

#### **Have Good Eye Contact**

Make sure that you are looking at the camera. You should make eye contact and not look down at your notes the whole time.



#### **Speak Loudly**

Make sure you talk loudly so the camera's microphone can record your voice. If you talk too quietly, people won't be able to hear it in the video.



#### **Speak Clearly**

When people are nervous, they might talk faster than they normally would. Make sure you talk slowly enough so people can understand you. If you're not sure if you're speaking clearly enough, ask a friend to listen to you practice.





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# **Providing Professional Feedback**

Person you are providing feedback for:
What was your favorite part about the episode?
Did the episode keep your attention? Why or why not?
What do you think the episode's claim is? Is the message clear?
Do you have any other recommendations?

