

First, I would like to mention there are hundreds of names in the ‘Biographies’ Section. Almost of the people mentioned were able to succeed because of our founding fathers and the creation of this great, new nation; but there is no emphasis on the sacrifice or brilliance of our founding fathers. For example:

Text: George Washington (1732-1799) His wealthy family owned large farms called plantations that enslaved people.

My Comments: George Washington was an American political leader, military general, statesman, and Founding Father who served as the first president of the United States from 1789 to 1797. Previously, he led Patriot forces to victory in the nation's War for Independence. He presided at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, which established the U.S. Constitution and a federal government. Washington has been called the "Father of His Country" for his manifold leadership in the formative days of the new nation.

Text: Benjamin Rush (1746-1813) Rush was a strong ally for African Americans. At this time, many people owned slaves. There were some people who did not think this was right. In 1773, Rush wrote a pamphlet. It was against slavery.

My Comments: Dr. Benjamin Rush, a great American hero and role model. At the time of his death in 1813, he was heralded as one of America's three most notable men, along with George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, served under three Presidents, helped found five universities and colleges, is titled "The Father of American Medicine," led both the abolition and prison reform movements, and founded American Sunday Schools and the nation's first Bible Society. Rush integrated his staunch Christian beliefs into every facet of his life.