

## Character Page for Students

### Characters:

**Robert Morris:** A founding father, member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, and a United States Senator after the Revolutionary War. He is credited as the main founder of the Bank of North America.

**James Wilson:** A founding father and lawyer in John Dickinson's law office, he then set up his own practice in Reading, PA. He moved to Philadelphia and was named a Director of the Bank of North America as well as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court.

**John Nixon:** Made the first public proclamation of the Declaration of Independence from the steps of the Pennsylvania State House on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1776. He served in the army as a colonel under George Washington, and became President of the Bank of North America in 1792.

**Thomas Mifflin:** A founding father and merchant from Philadelphia, he later became Pennsylvania's first Governor. He was a successful business man located in Philadelphia, and prominent in Washington's army.

**Thomas Willing:** A business partner of Robert Morris, Willing was also the President of the Bank of North America, and he opposed the Declaration of Independence. Although, he eventually gave money to the revolutionary cause after the Revolutionary War began.

**Samuel Powel:** The last colonial mayor of Philadelphia, and the first mayor after the Revolution. He eventually died of Yellow Fever in the epidemic of 1793. His residence can still be toured on 244 South 3<sup>rd</sup> street in Philadelphia.

**Benjamin Rush:** A founding father and a celebrated physician of his time. He was a well respected character in the city of Philadelphia and was the premier physician during the Yellow Fever epidemic of 1793.

**Joseph Reed:** A founding father and important military and political figure during the Revolutionary War. He was the President of Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary War, prosecuted the traitor Benedict Arnold, and oversaw the abolishment of slavery in Pennsylvania.