

0.0 US History Foundation

(Day #1)

- 1 **Declaration of Independence**: (1776)"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness"; It was a list of grievances to King George III. by Thomas Jefferson
- 2 **The US Constitution**: (1788) "We the People" Second attempt to organize the US govt. By James Madison
- 3 **Bill of Rights**: (1788) First 10 amendments to the US Constitution

Contributions of the following Founding Fathers:

- 4 **Benjamin Rush** - Served as the surgeon general of the continental army and signed the Declaration of Indep.
- 5 **John Hancock** - Largest signature on the DI, President of Second Continental Congress, one of the wealthiest colonist.
- 6 **John Jay** - First Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, helped write the Federalist Papers.
- 7 **John Witherspoon** - Signer of the DI, only active clergymen who was a founding father
- 8 **John Peter Muhlenberg** - After George Washington asked him, he agreed to raise and command the 8th Virginia Regiment.
- 9 **Charles Carroll** - Only Catholic to sign the DI, last surviving signatory of the DI, first Senator from Maryland
- 10 **Jonathan Trumbull Sr.** - Only Royal Governor to side with the Colonist