

# Wow! You Mean That's History?

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In the words of Woodrow Wilson, "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we have come from, or what we have been about."

1. **History—the old way**
2. **How I stumbled upon a different way**
3. **History through real life stories**

## A. Signers' stories

### 1. Glimpse into their stories:

Spiritual Accomplishments of the Founders:

John Witherspoon

Charles Thompson

Benjamin Rush

Francis Hopkinson was a church music director

Thomas McKean was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

### 2. Glimpse into their declaration of faith:

Testimonies in the signers' own words:

Samuel Adams – "I rely on the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon for all my sins."

Charles Carroll – "On the mercy of my Redeemer I rely for salvation and on His merits; not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts."

John Witherspoon – "I entreat you in the most earnest manner to believe in Jesus Christ, for there is salvation in no other."

Robert Treat Paine – "I am constrained to express my adoration of . . . the Author of my existence, in full belief of . . . His forgiving mercy revealed to the world through Jesus Christ, through whom I hope for never ending happiness in a future state."

Benjamin Rush – "My only hope of salvation is in the infinite, transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His son upon the Cross. Nothing but his blood will wash away my sins."

Roger Sherman – "I believe that there is only one living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost . . . and that at the end of the world, there will be a resurrection from the dead, and a final judgment of all mankind, when the righteous shall be publically acquitted before Christ the Judge, and be admitted to everlasting life and glory, and the wicked be sentenced to everlasting punishment."

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## 3. Glimpse into their suffering

Our freedom was purchased with great cost:

Abraham Clark, John Hart, Robert Morris, Thomas Nelson, Caesar Rodney, Oliver Wolcott, Arthur Middleton, Carter Braxton of Virginia, William Ellery, William Paca, Thomas McKean of Delaware, Francis Lewis of New York, Phillip Livingston

George Washington said, "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts in the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of Providential agency . . . We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained."

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James Madison stated: "The real wonder is that so many difficulties should have been surmounted with a unanimity almost as unprecedented as it must have been expected . . . It is impossible for the man of pious reflection not to perceive in it a finger of that Almighty hand which has been so frequently and signally extended to our relief in the critical stages of the revolution."

Edmund Burke once said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

4. **World War II stories: Gramp-studied those battles he was in**—learned of others, De Shazer, etc.

5. **World War II vets and stories and field trips**—Indy, Mr. Overstreet, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Gross—show inside of Character in Action

6. **Developing a strong sense of honor, appreciation**

7. **Fascinating, life-changing relationships**

8. **History is learned as ancillary but life**—changing part

9. **Rediscovering the Old Books**

10. **Writing history texts in a different fashion- family reading**—Judge Roy Moore

11. **Make it a life-style**

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