

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION
RECOMMENDED READINGS ON THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

1. GENERAL OVERVIEWS

Gordon S. Wood, *The American Revolution: A History*

Robert Middlekauff, *The Glorious Cause: The American Revolution, 1763-1789*

Walter A. McDougall, *Freedom Is Just Around the Corner*

John Ferling, *Whirlwind: The American Revolution and the War that Won It*

2. COLLECTIONS OF ESSAYS

Gordon S. Wood, *Revolutionary Characters: What Made the Founders Different*

Gordon S. Wood, *The Idea of America: Reflections on the Birth of the United States*

Edmund S. Morgan, *The Genuine Article: A Historian Looks at Early America*

Edmund S. Morgan, *American Heroes: Profiles of the Men and Women Who Shaped Early America*

Bernard Bailyn, *To Begin the World Anew: The Genius and Ambiguities of the American Founders*

Bernard Bailyn, *Faces of Revolution: Personalities and Themes in the Struggle for American Independence*

Jack Rakove, *Revolutionaries: A New History of the Invention of America*

Joseph J. Ellis, *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*

J. H. Plumb, *Collected Essays: The American Experience*

Sheldon S. Wolin, *The Presence of the Past: Essays on the State and the Constitution*

3. BIOGRAPHIES

Ron Chernow, *Washington: A Life*

Robert Middlekauff, *Washington's Revolution: The Making of America's First Leader*

Edmund S. Morgan, *The Genius of George Washington*

Paul Johnson, *George Washington: The Founding Father*

James Thomas Flexner, *George Washington in the American Revolution*

David Hackett Fischer, *Washington's Crossing*

Garry Wills, *Cincinnatus: George Washington and the American Enlightenment*

David McCullough, *John Adams*

Joseph J. Ellis, *Passionate Sage: The Character and Legacy of John Adams*

Joseph J. Ellis, *American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson*

Jon Meacham, *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*

Gordon S. Wood, *The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin*
Stacy Schiff, *A Great Improvisation: Franklin, France, and the Birth of America*
Walter Isaacson, *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life*
Edmund S. Morgan, *Benjamin Franklin*
Ron Chernow, *Alexander Hamilton*
Jack Rakove, *James Madison and the Creation of the American Republic*
David Hackett Fischer, *Paul Revere's Ride*
Eric Foner, *Tom Paine and Revolutionary America*
Evan Thomas, *John Paul Jones*

4. MISCELLANEOUS CLASSICS

Richard Hofstadter, *America at 1750: A Social Portrait*
Fred Anderson, *Crucible of War: The Seven Years' War and the Fate of Empire in British North America, 1754-1766*
Gordon S. Wood, *The Radicalism of the American Revolution*
Gordon S. Wood, *The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787*
Pauline Maier, *From Resistance to Revolution*
Pauline Maier, *American Scripture: Making the Declaration of Independence*
Pauline Maier, *Ratification: The People Debate the Constitution, 1787-1788*
Edmund S. Morgan and Helen M. Morgan, *The Stamp Act Crisis*
Garry Wills, *Inventing America: Jefferson's Declaration of Independence*
Merrill D. Peterson, *Adams and Jefferson: A Revolutionary Dialogue*
Bernard Bailyn, *Ideological Origins of the American Revolution*
Bernard Bailyn, *The Origins of American Politics*
Bernard Bailyn, *The Ordeal of Thomas Hutchinson*
Mary Beth Norton, *Liberty's Daughters: The Revolutionary Experience of America's Women*
David Brion Davis, *The Problem of Slavery in the Age of the American Revolution*
Simon Schama, *Rough Crossings: Britain, The Slaves, and the American Revolution*
John Ferling, *Almost a Miracle: The American Victory in the War of Independence*
John Shy, *A People Numerous and Armed: Reflections on the Military Struggle for American Independence*
Alan Taylor, *American Colonies*
David Hackett Fischer, *Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America*
Bruce Ackerman, *The Failure of the Founding Fathers: Jefferson, Madison, and the Rise of Presidential Democracy*

Alfred F. Young, *The Shoemaker and the Tea Party: Memory and the American Revolution*

Akhil Reed Amar, *The Bill of Rights*

Jack Rakove, *The Beginnings of National Politics: An Interpretive History of the Continental Congress*

Jack Rakove, *Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution*

Joseph J. Ellis, *Revolutionary Summer: The Birth of American Independence*

Alexander Rose, *Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring*

John J. Rhodenhamel, *The American Revolution: Writings from the War of Independence* (Library of America)