

WHO LIVES, WHO DIES, WHO TELLS YOUR STORY

"Every other founding father's story gets told. Every other founding father gets to grow old.

But when you're gone, who remembers your name? Who keeps your flame? Who tells your story?"

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You've solved their **puzzles**, but do you know their stories? While millions can **quote lines** from the musical **word** for word to the **letter**, here's a quick summary of the main characters in HAMILTON for everyone else:



Alexander Hamilton (1756-1804)

Booked passage on a ship that was New York bound and rose up to become Washington's right hand man, the first secretary of the treasury, and the titular character of our story.

Aaron Burr (1756-1836)

Originally Hamilton's friend turned enemy, talked less and smiled more in order to become senator of New York, third US Vice President, and the damned fool that shot Hamilton.



Marquis de Lafayette (1757-1834)

Oui oui, mon ami! The Lancelot of the revolutionary set cut off the British at Chesapeake Bay and then worked with Jefferson to draft a declaration back in France.

John Laurens (1754-1782)

Killed only weeks before the British withdrew at the end of the war, but before then dueled with Charles Lee and brought up the concept of having slaves fight in return for freedom.

Hercules Mulligan (1740-1825)

Come again? Joined the revolution to socially advance instead of just sewing pants; worked as a tailor's apprentice while spying, smuggling information and measurements up to the Sons of Liberty.



Elizabeth Schuyler (1757-1854)

Introduced to Alexander at a winter's ball, married him, burned the letters, then spent the time after his death working to tell his story. Truly the best of wives and best of women.

Angelica Schuyler (1756-1814)

Presided as the oldest and the wittiest and the gossip of the Schuyler sisters; corresponded with Alexander, supported Eliza through her husband's infidelity and later helped her to tell his story.

George Washington (1732-1799)

Here comes the general! The pride of Mount Vernon served as commander-in-chief, lead the United States against the British forces during the Revolutionary war, and served as the first POTUS.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

Editor and author of the first draft of the Declaration of Independence, helped Lafayette draft his own declaration as Ambassador to France, served as the first Secretary of State and third POTUS.

James Madison (1751-1836)

Red in the face after helping Hamilton draft the Federalist Papers, leading the new house of representatives, serving as Jefferson's Secretary of State and later as the 4th POTUS.

Identify the four people corresponding to the answers of the puzzles you've already solved, then follow the paths of their lives **from birth to death** on the next page, and learn how to find success in your own life!



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