

# GOVERNMENT ALL STARS



*Who had the best ideas of how  
to make a better community,  
and a better civilization*

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Wrote letters to  
her husband (John  
Adams) urging  
Colonial  
Independence.  
Reminded John not  
to forget about  
women's rights in  
the new United  
States.



Abigail Adams:  
(1744-1818)

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She frequently  
made suggestions  
about the new  
government's  
formation.



Abigail Adams:  
(1744-1818)

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An African American who believed slavery should be abolished and African Americans should have full citizenship in the new republic.



*Benjamin Banneker:  
(1731-1806)*

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Wrote to Thomas Jefferson, and pointed that colonists had fought to end enslavement under British rule. Argued that maintaining slavery was simply illogical.



*Benjamin Banneker:  
(1731-1806)*

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One of the creators of the Iroquois League. This was an organization of Native American Tribes that brought peace, and settled disputes between warring tribes.



*Hiawatha:  
(1550)*

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The league had a council made up of representatives from various tribes, and made decisions based on unanimous agreement. The league also had a chief executive, and women had much power.



Hiawatha:  
(1550)

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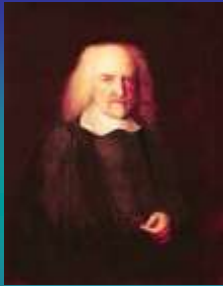
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English philosopher who argued that humans are "Wicked" by nature. He thought that only an absolute monarchy (king & queen with absolute control) was capable of governing mankind.



Thomas Hobbes:  
(1588-1679)

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Thomas Hobbes:  
(1588-1679)



He thought that government should protect people from their own selfishness.

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Ruled France as an absolute monarch. He believed in the Divine Right of Kings, and that kings received their authority from god.



Louis XIV:  
(1643-1715)

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Therefore they were only answerable to god (not to the people). He was the most powerful ruler of his time.



Louis XIV:  
(1643-1715)

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Head of the Church of England, and supported the Divine Right of Kings. He said also that the church was, (naturally) the right hand of the King.



William Laud:  
(1573-1645)

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So the King and the Church should work together. He severely punished those that didn't support his church.



*William Laud:*  
(1573-1645)

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English philosopher who believed that people had the ability to reason, and make good decisions when given the proper information.



*John Locke:*  
(1632-1704)

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Thought governments should happen with the support of people. Argued that governments should be established to protect the individual freedoms and liberties.



*John Locke:*  
(1632-1704)

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French political theorist who established the idea of separation of powers. This idea meant that government power should be divided



Baron de Montesquieu:  
(1689-1755)

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and spread out among different branches so that no individual or group could gain too much power, and threaten liberty.



Baron de Montesquieu:  
(1689-1755)

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English writer who argued for equal rights for women. Wrote the book *A Vindication of the Rights of Women* (1791). She argued that women should have equal rights in business and governments.



Mary Wollstonecraft:  
(1759-1797)

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She said that women's inferiority was not natural but was rather a consequence of their mis-education, a mis-education imposed on them by men.



*Mary  
Wollstonecraft:  
(1759-1797)*

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