

Independence Day



A Poem

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On the 4th of July we declared ourselves free,
Not just 13 British Colonies!

But before our freedom could be secured,
We had to fight the Revolutionary War.

Even with the help of General Lafayette,
It appeared the victory would be difficult to get.

However the English Army was not trained
To fight a war on the colonies terrain.

The war was going all England's way;
How could Washington convince his troops to stay?

After being deep in prayer,
Washington decided to cross the Delaware.

They captured a whole fort
Without having a soldier lost.

The winter at Valley Forge,
Men were hungry and cold.

"These are the times that try men's souls,"
Bloody feet wrapped in cloths.

Huddled by the fire,
Barely getting the warmth they required.

But they survived until Spring
Then at Yorkshire came the surrender of England's king.

Let Freedom Ring!

– Mark Rockefeller

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Knowing American History inspires such poetry. We hope you'll study this neglected venture. God bless America!

Edited/corrected from original, cpl – Happy birthday Mark! (7/14)
Read the story of Lafayette if you'd like a refresher or never learned of his fame!

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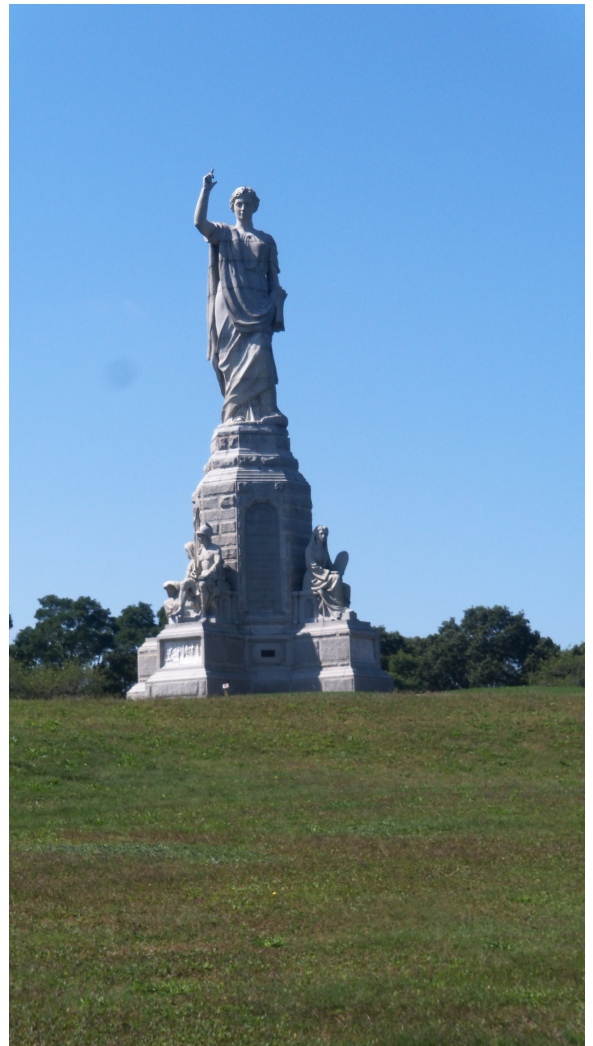


Figure 1 Monument to the Forefathers, Allerton St., Plymouth, MA

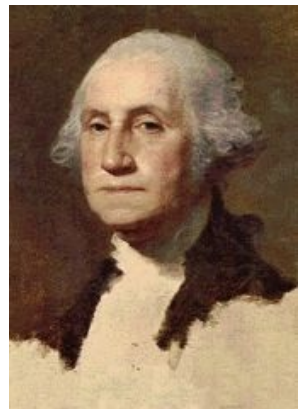


Figure 2 George Washington