



Girl Scout
Gold Award Project

Revolutionary War

ACTIVITY #1: TRICORN HAT

Create your own tricorn hat, just as many men wore during this era.

ACTIVITY #2: SPY MESSAGES

Spies were essential in order to secretly communicate critical information.

Can you decode the secret messages?



Survey



Thank you! Your feedback helps
improve my Gold Award project!



Tricorn Hat

ACTIVITY #1

🕒 25 minutes

SUPPLIES:

Hat Stencil

Scissors

Construction Paper

Feathers

Glue Stick

Colored Pencils

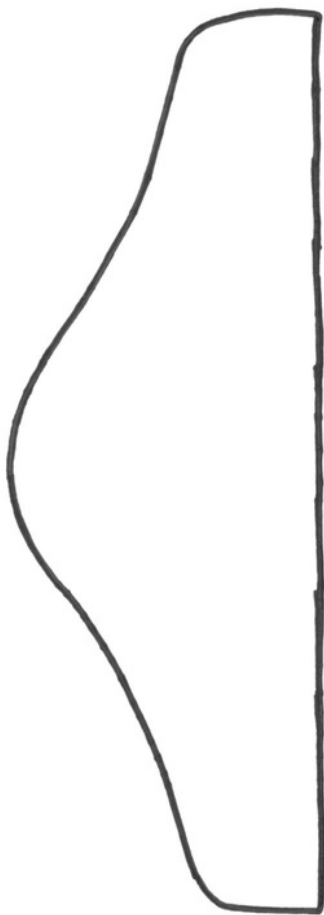
The tricorn hat was very popular among men in the 1700's. These hats were decorated by ribbons trimming the top or by feathers.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using the stencil, trace out 3 sides of the hat and cut them out.
2. Decorate the sides of the hat
3. Staple the sides of the hat together to make a triangle (make sure the rounded part is at the top!)
4. Add additional decorations to complete your tricorn hat!



TRICORN HAT TEMPLATE





Spy Messages

ACTIVITY #2

🕒 20 minutes

SUPPLIES:

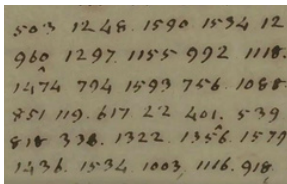
Paper

Pencil

Spy Code Book

Secret Messages

A spy is someone who collects secret information. During the Revolutionary War, General Washington started the Culper spy ring. These spies would report the movement of British troops. One of the codes used by the Culper spy ring was the culper code which was made up of a long list of numbers that corresponded with specific words.



503 1248 1590 1534 12
960 1297 1155 992 1118
1474 794 1593 756 1088
851 119 617 22 401 539
818 338 1322 1356 1579
1436 1534 1003 1116 918

Attack - 38
July - 337
Soldier - 613
England - 745

The example above shows some sample words along with their corresponding number. For example, attack would be replaced with the number 38.

Secret Messages

Help the Continental Army decode the secret messages using the spy code book!

The 178 will 374 to 727 in 618.

591 a 106 to 736 236.
690 for the 439 to 38.

711 will 381 635 to the 555.
591 584 475.

See if you were correct on the back!

Optional: Invisible Ink

Wanting to make your own secret messages? Try using lemon juice to make invisible ink!

1. Using the juice of a lemon, dip a paintbrush or cotton swab and use to write a secret message on a piece of paper.
2. Allow the paper to completely dry (about 10-15 minutes). Be careful not to move the paper while drying!
3. Have an adult help move the piece of paper over a heat source (candle, lightbulb, or hair dryer) for about 15 to 30 seconds.
4. Allow the paper to cool and read your secret message!

Answers:

- 1) The enemy will march to New York in September.
- 2) Send a cannon to New Jersey garrison. Wait for the order to attack.
- 3) General Washington will move troops to the river. Send reinforcements please.

Spy Code Book

wait - 690

garrison - 236

New York - 727

send - 591

troops - 635

order - 439

march - 374

cannon - 106

enemy - 178

attack - 38

move - 381

reinforcements - 584

New Jersey - 736

September - 618

river - 555

please - 475

Gen. Washington - 711

Interested in Learning More?

Leave it to Abigail!: The Revolutionary Life of Abigail Adams

by Barb Rosenstock

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American Revolution

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Toliver's Secret

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Revolutionary War on Wednesday

by Mary Pope Osborne

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Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse Amos

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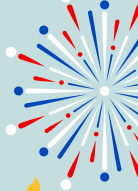
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FACTS ABOUT THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Spies of the Revolution

Women contributed during the war by spying on British soldiers who stayed within their towns. They were able to communicate these secret plans to the American troops.



A Special Gift

The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the people of France, to commemorate the United States' 100th Birthday and alliance made during the Revolutionary War between the USA and France.



Missing Word?

The Declaration of Independence never actually uses the word "independence" a single time.



The White House

George Washington was the only president to have never lived in the White House. It was completed in 1800, seven years after Washington resigned.

The First Flag

Betsy Ross is rumored to have sewed the first United States flag in 1776. The first flag hosted the familiar red and white stripes with a circle of 13 stars on a blue background for each of the 13 states.



Secret Messages

Invisible ink was used to write secret messages on paper. The message could then be revealed by heating the paper or pouring a special chemical over it.



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