

# Who Was Alexander Hamilton? The Real Story of the American Founding Father



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Alexander Hamilton was one of the most important figures in American history. He was a key figure in the American Revolution and the drafting of the Constitution. He also served as the first Secretary of the Treasury.

Hamilton was born in the Caribbean island of Nevis in 1755. He was the son of a Scottish merchant and a French Huguenot mother. Hamilton's father died when he was young, and his mother remarried a Danish merchant. Hamilton was raised in St. Croix, where he received a good education. He showed an early talent for writing and mathematics.

In 1772, Hamilton was sent to New York City to study at King's College (now Columbia University). He quickly became involved in the political debates of the day. He was a strong supporter of the American Revolution and wrote several pamphlets and articles in support of independence.

In 1776, Hamilton joined the Continental Army. He served as an aide-de-camp to General George Washington. Hamilton was a skilled military strategist and played a key role in several important battles, including the Battle of Trenton and the Battle of Yorktown.

After the war, Hamilton was elected to the Continental Congress. He served as a delegate from New York for several years. He was a leading advocate for the ratification of the Constitution. He also helped to establish the Bank of the United States.

In 1789, Hamilton was appointed the first Secretary of the Treasury. He served in this position for five years. During his time as Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton established the national debt, the national bank, and the tariff system.

Hamilton was a brilliant and ambitious man. He was a strong believer in a strong central government. He also believed in the importance of a sound economy. Hamilton's policies helped to shape the United States into the nation it is today.

Hamilton was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr in 1804. He was only 49 years old. Hamilton's death was a great loss to the United States. He was one of the most important figures in the founding of the nation.

## **Legacy**

Alexander Hamilton's legacy is complex and controversial. He was a brilliant and ambitious man who played a key role in the founding of the United States. He was also a flawed man who made many enemies.

Hamilton's supporters argue that he was a visionary leader who helped to create the United States. They point to his role in the Revolution, the drafting of the Constitution, and the establishment of the national bank. They also argue that his economic policies helped to make the United States a prosperous nation.

Hamilton's critics argue that he was a power-hungry elitist who cared more about the wealthy than the poor. They point to his support for a strong central government, his opposition to democracy, and his belief in the superiority of the white race. They also argue that his economic policies benefited the rich at the expense of the poor.

Hamilton's legacy is still debated today. He was a complex and controversial figure who played a major role in shaping the United States. His ideas continue to influence American politics and society.



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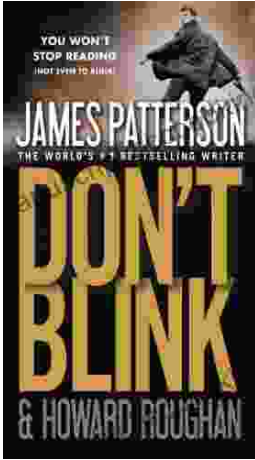
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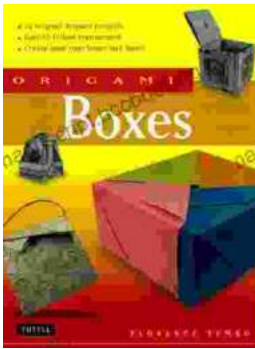
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