

Founding of a Country



Artist: John Trumbull

A few of the men in the painting include: Thomas Jefferson (center, holding paper), Benjamin Franklin (to Jefferson's left), and John Adams (center, with his hand on his hip).

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This picture shows the five-man drafting committee presenting their draft of the Declaration to the Congress, an event that took place on June 28, 1776. The committee (standing in the center) consisted of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston.

Does this scene depict the *First Continental Congress* or the *Second Continental Congress*? How do you know?

The picture is showing the Second Continental Congress, which began in 1775. In this meeting, representatives from the states are preparing to become a new, independent nation.

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Answers will vary.