

PowderKeg: A Revolutionary War Card Game Intro Animation

Version 5

FADE IN

Quick fade in to the PowderKeg logo. Stays on screen for about 2-3 seconds, then explodes.

[Explosion]

Smoke dissipates to reveal Crispus Attucks. Music begins.

[music - open with the hum of a deep/low instrument fading in, build into it the sound of a sea shanty as Crispus comes onto screen]

CRISPUS ATTUCKS - His arms move slightly with the rope, his mouth opens wider.

[We hear water lapping against the dock, seagulls calling in the distant].

VO

Here on the docks, the rope in my grasp breaks like the chains I broke to gain my freedom. I won't let the British force us into their navy to fight their war.

[music - the sea shanty fades out and is replaced with drums/piccolo like an old American documentary]

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK: Harsh Winter - snow whips across the screen, covering it, the snow clears away just enough to see George Rogers Clark trudging through the storm. Snow continues to move across screen, George moves slightly back and forth like he's battling the wind itself.

[Strong winds blowing, boots crunching on snow].

VO

The British have armed their troops and sent them after us colonists. I'll charge through a thousand snow storms to take back our forts and defend my people.

[music - fades from american documentary to victorian]

The swirling snow engulfs the screen, fading out to reveal **MARGARET SHIPPEN**. Her tea cup rises and falls slightly, the mirror flashes at "steals secrets."

[Clink of the tea cup to the saucer, an evil laugh/snicker from Peggy]

VO

This war is hardly worth my time but my family might benefit from siding with the king so I'll sip tea in my parlor by day and steal secrets in the night.

[music - victorian music fades away and is replaced by native drums/shaker]

Mirror flashes again and this time white covers the screen for a moment then fades to

JOSEPH BRANT. His mouth opens wider in a war cry, his arm moves up as he points at an enemy off screen.

[Crowds of people shouting as they charge into battle, gunshots, explosions, cannons]

VO

With a strong arm, I direct my Mohawk troops into battle
against the colonists. Our British allies have
promised our five nations stability and a better life if we prevail.

[music - drums switch to war drums and shaker fades away]

Smoke/fog engulfs the screen. When it settles, there is **BENEDICT ARNOLD**. His sword
arm moves higher, coat waves in the breeze dramatically.

[Triumphant yells of an army, firing of guns and cannons, crackling of structures burning,
wind whipping]

VO

**I charge into battle atop my horse, doing my duty
as an American General, but my beloved has sided
with the British, so now I must make a choice.**

[music - builds, becomes bigger and more powerful]

Cut to line up. A line up of Crispus Attucks, George Rogers Clark, Benedict Arnold, Margaret Shippen, and Joseph Brant (still animated) on their cards. The cards slide in one at a time, flipped over so the backs with the titles are visible showing EPIC Characters and Allied Characters. The cards flip over to reveal the characters that were previously introduced.

[Card slide, then cards flip over]

VO

Choose a side, make alliances, play your hand, and decide the fate of America.

[Explosion in reverse]

The explosion implodes, revealing the PowderKeg Logo.

[Outro music]

VO

Powder Keg! A Revolutionary War card game.

[steady war drums leading the viewer out as the credits roll]

Credits

An EPIC + KCAD Project (with logo)

In Collaboration with OST (with Logo)

and Grand Rapids Public Museum School (with Logo)

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Vocals

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Version 4

FADE IN:

Add intro about making alliances.

Crispus Attucks: His arms move slightly with the rope, his mouth opens wider. [We hear water lapping against the bow[sic?] of the boat].

VO

Having escaped slavery by boat, Crispus Attucks, a biracial African and Native American, firmly grips his handcrafted rope.

George Rogers Clark: Harsh Winter - snow whips across the screen, covering it, the snow clears away just enough to see George Rogers Clark trudging through the storm. Snow continues to move across screen, George moves slightly back and forth like he's battling the wind itself. [Strong winds blowing, boots crunching on snow].

VO

Fighting for the Whigs, George Rogers Clark marches 200 miles through the harsh winter and snow to claim his fort back from the British troops.

The swirling snow engulfs the screen, fading out to reveal Margaret Shippen. Her tea cup rises and falls slightly, the mirror flashes at “steals secrets.” [Clink of the tea cup to the saucer, maybe an evil laugh from Peggy]

VO

Working as a spy, Margaret Shippen sips her tea in luxury by day and steals secrets by night all from her own parlor.

Mirror flashes again and this time white covers the screen for a moment then fades to Joseph Brant. His mouth opens wider in a war cry, his arm moves up as he points at an enemy off screen. [Crowds of people shouting as they charge into battle, gunshots, explosions, cannons]

VO

On the British side, Joseph Brant directs his infantry into battle (of ?), using his translation skills to act as a Mohawk military and political leader.

Image flips and settles on Benedict Arnold. His sword arm moves higher, coat waves in the breeze dramatically. [Triumphant yells of an army, battle scene, crackling of fire, wind whipping]

VO

Torn between Whigs and Tories, Benedict Arnold, a short tempered and powerful general, leads the charge into Saratoga atop his steed.

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VO

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Version 3

FADE IN:

Crispus Attucks: his arms move slightly with the rope, his mouth opens wider

VO

Crispus Attucks, an African and Native American
who escaped slavery and found work as a rope maker.

Harsh Winter - snow whips across the screen, covering it, the snow clears away just enough to see George Rogers Clark trudging through the storm. Snow continues to move across screen, George moves slightly back and forth like he's battling the wind itself.

VO

Fighting for the Whigs is George Rogers Clark, a sly
man with the persistence to charge through the
harshness of winter to reclaim his fort from the british.

Image flips to reveal Margaret Shippen. Her tea cup rises and falls slightly, the mirror
flashes at "steals secrets."

VO

Working as a spy, Margaret Shippen lives the high
life by day and steals secrets by night.

Mirror flashes again and this time white covers the screen for a moment then fades to
Joseph Brant. His mouth opens wider in a war cry, his arm moves up as he points at an
enemy off screen.

VO

On the Torrie's side, Joseph Brant uses his translation skills
to act as a Mohawk military and political leader.

Image flips and settles on Benedict Arnold. His sword arm moves higher, coat waves in
the breeze dramatically.

VO

Benedict Arnold, a short tempered but powerful
general torn between both sides of the war.

Lineup of characters in their epic poses, explosion, title "Powder Keg: a Revolutionary
War card game"

VO

Will you stand up to the British? Or will you fight
alongside them?

Credits

Version 2

[Fade in]

Crispus Attucks is an African American who escaped slavery and found work as a rope maker. [his arms move slightly with the rope, his mouth opens wider]

[harsh winter - snow whips across the screen, covering it, the snow clears away just enough to see George Rogers Clark trudging through the storm]

Fighting alongside him is George Rogers Clark, a sly man with the persistence to charge through the harshness of winter to reclaim his fort. [snow continues to move across screen, George moves slightly back and forth like he's battling the wind itself]

[Image flips and settles on Margaret Shippen]

Working as a spy, Margaret Shippen is living the high life by day and stealing secrets by night

[Her tea cup rises and falls slightly, the mirror flashes at "stealing secrets"]

[Mirror flashes again and this time white covers the screen for a moment then fades to Joseph Brant]

On her side was Joseph Brant, Leader of the Mohawk People, War Leader for the British, and a skilled linguist. [his mouth opens wider in a war cry, his arm moves up as he points]

[Image flips and settles on Benedict Arnold]

Benedict Arnold, a short tempered but powerful general caught between both sides of the war. [sword arm moves higher, coat waves in the dramatic breeze]

[lineup of characters facing off, explosion, title "Powder Keg!"]

Whose side will you fight on?

*add question to each character and/or epic character (Crispus- will he stand up to the British?)

*Joseph Brant - "leader" not a "chief" - read the article about him.

Card game site > more > diversity.

*specify sides you can choose - Tories or whigs? Loyalists or Patriots?

Script Version 1

Crispus Attucks was a native american rope maker and sailor who escaped slavery and stood up to the british soldiers and became the first casualty of the war. he wants to align with George Rogers Clark because of the harsh winter he survived and traveled 200 miles through the harsh winter to retake a fort he had previously lost. Peggy used her status to spy on people and gain secrets during luxury parties that she attended, and she wants to align with joseph brant because he can help her spy since he speaks 7 languages. And then there's benedict arnold. He does whatever he wants and still manages to win battles like the Battle of Saratoga. Who does he end up aligning with? Crispus? Or Peggy?