

TEACHER NOTES:

- Before the first read
 - Probable Text routine (Who, what, when, where chart)
 - Use [my slides](#) to introduce words for students to put into chart
 - *Nathan, British, spy, death, hanging, revolution, intelligence*
 - Vocabulary they might need to preview:
 - inevitably
 - intelligence
 - Read aloud together with the class
 - Students circle each time the following words appear:
 - Washington: 8 times
 - spy: 7 times
 - information: 5 times
 - intelligence: 3 times
- First Read
 - Modeled read by teacher
 - Choral Read with the whole class: Paragraph ____.
 - Echo Reading: Paragraph _____
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- Second Read
 - Main Idea work with the whole class, such as highlighting the main idea
 - Compare and Contrast Format lessons
 - Use the Cause and Effect chart to help students see cause and effect relationships.
 - Have students find the following words to notice causes and effects:
 - when, because, led to, thus, so,
- Third Read
 - Reading Response: Use [my slides](#) The last slide is the writing prompt.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Who	What	Where	When	Why or How?

I predict that this text will be about _____

Questions I have:

Name: _____

Date: _____

Nathan Hale: A Hero of the American Revolution

Personal Life

Nathan Hale was born in 1755 in Connecticut. He grew up in a big family with twelve brothers and sisters. He was very smart and went to Yale College when he was just fourteen years old! After graduating, he became a teacher. However, when the American Revolution began, Nathan wanted to help his country fight for freedom. In 1775, he joined the Continental Army and became a captain. In 1776, General George Washington needed someone to spy on the British Army. Spying was dangerous, but Nathan was brave. He volunteered to be a spy because he believed in the cause of freedom. He once said, “I wish to be useful, and every kind of service necessary to the public good becomes honorable by being necessary.”

Captured!

In September 1776, Nathan dressed as a schoolteacher and sneaked into British territory in New York to gather information. When a person gathers information, it is often called “gathering intelligence.” If you are a spy, your job is referred to as “military intelligence.” Nathan Hale was not formally trained. When the British inevitably caught him, he admitted to everything easily. The British arrested him and accused him of being a spy. He was brought before British General William Howe, who quickly sentenced him to death. On September 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was hanged. Before he died, he famously said, “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.” Today, he is remembered as a great American hero, and there are many statues and gravestones in his honor.

After Death

Nathan Hale’s death had a big impact on the American Revolution. George Washington was saddened by his loss, but he knew the army needed a better way to gather information. This led him to create a stronger intelligence network. Washington also became much more protective of his spies. One of Washington’s officers, Benjamin Tallmadge, learned from

Nathan’s actions and formed the Culper Spy Ring. This group of spies helped Washington outsmart the British and win the war. Spies, like Anna Strong and Abraham Woodhull, would let Washington’s forces know where the British were gathering their ships, their guns, their cannons. Washington used this information to set better battle strategies, thus winning the war.

Lasting Effects

Without Nathan Hale’s bravery, and the lessons learned from his failures and successes, the Americans might not have gained the information they needed to win their independence. Nathan Hale’s life and death show how one person can change history. He became a spy because he believed in freedom. Even though he was caught and hanged, his sacrifice inspired others. His death helped Washington understand the need for a better spy system, which helped the Americans win the war. Today, Nathan Hale is remembered as a true hero of the American Revolution.

Cause	Action	Effect
	Nathan Hale died.	
	Culper Spy Ring Formed	
	US won the war	

Name: _____

Editing

Directions: There are at least eleven mistakes in the following paragraph. Please edit the following paragraph for those mistakes.

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Highlight the parts of speech

Name: _____

A noun is a person, place or thing. A verb is an action word, or what you are doing. An adjective describes a noun. An adverb describes a verb. A conjunction connects two clauses.

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