

VISIT THE FAMILY HUB

ALONG YOUR SPY MISSION, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS YOU'VE LEARNED TODAY. WRITE OR DRAW YOUR ANSWERS IN THE SPACES BELOW.



- ① How do you think the war would have ended if it weren't for Continental Spies? Why?
- ② Do you think you would have made a good Revolutionary Spy? Why or why not?



- ③ Why did ordinary people make the best spies?
- ④ What is one secret plot Revolutionary spies uncovered?

AROUND THE ESTATE

- ⑤ What is one animal you saw today? What was their job?
- ⑥ What was the role of Coffee Houses and Taverns for 18th Century Spies?
- ⑦ Who, in the 18th Century was eating ice cream at Mount Vernon?

SPY GUIDE

FALL
HOMESCHOOL
DAY 2026

THIS GUIDE BELONGS TO AGENT: _____

Draw yourself as a secret agent:

SPY MISSION

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON HAS JUST LEARNED THAT THE BRITISH ARE PLANNING A SURPRISE ATTACK! AMERICAN SPIES HAVE INTERCEPTED PIECES OF INFORMATION, BUT NO ONE PERSON KNOWS THE ENTIRE PLAN.

GENERAL WASHINGTON HAS REQUESTED YOUR HELP TO COLLECT INTELLIGENCE FROM ACROSS THE ESTATE TO UNCOVER THE BRITISH'S PLAN

****PLEASE NOTE THAT IT DOES NOT MATTER THE ORDER IN WHICH YOU COMPLETE THESE TASKS.**



① WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Your first mission is to locate Major Benjamin Tallmadge, aka Agent 721. Tallmadge is Washington's most trusted intelligence officer. He created and operated the Culper Spy Ring. Ask Agent Tallmadge about the state in which he was born. Write your answer below.

Hint: To find Tallmadge, head to the crossroads indicated by a number 1 on the map. If he is not there, he may be taking a break to use the Necessary. He will return shortly.



② WHO OR WHAT IS THEIR TARGET?

This message is encrypted using a book cipher. Your next mission is to learn how to crack a book cipher to get your answer and write it down below.

Hint: To learn how to use a book cipher, head to Patriots Path, indicated by a number 2 on the map.

SPY MISSION



③ HOW MANY TROOPS?

This secret message is hidden using a Dead Drop. Dead Drops are secret locations where messages would be hidden so that the enemy wouldn't catch two agents passing off messages and create suspicion.

Hint: To find this Dead Drop, visit the Family Hub indicated by number 3 on your map. The message will be hidden in a brown box.



④ WHEN WILL THEY ATTACK?

For your final mission, you will need a special tool called a cipher wheel. You will have to learn how to make and use a cipher wheel to crack this message.

_____ : _____ a.m.

Hint: Head to the Hands-on-History Center, indicated by number 4 on the map, to make your own cipher wheel. There, you can also attend Spy School to learn how to use your wheel and to pick up your spy certificate after completing your Spy Mission. ***While supplies last**

NOW THAT YOU HAVE GATHERED ALL OF THE SECRET INTEL, GENERAL WASHINGTON CAN STOP THE BRITISH! LET'S PUT ALL THE INFORMATION TOGETHER.

THE BRITISH ARMY IS CURRENTLY POSITIONED IN _____.
THEY ARE PLANNING ON SENDING A TOTAL OF _____ TROOPS
SOUTH TO ATTACK

_____. THEY ARE PLANNING THIS SURPRISE
ATTACK TO HAPPEN AT _____ A.M. WHEN THE AMERICANS WILL
LEAST EXPECT IT.