

Movie Fact Checker

In this activity, you're going to do the job of a fact checker. A fact checker is responsible for checking statements someone has made to make sure they are true. Today, you're going to fact check a movie.

The movie you are going to fact check is called *National Treasure*. It's an adventure movie that deals with the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence.

As you watch *National Treasure*, use the sheet on the next page (or your own piece of paper) to **record 5-10 things that the movie presents as facts about American history.**

After you finish the movie, look at the statements you've written down, and decide which ones you think are true and which ones are false. **Circle the statements you think are false.**

Last, **do some research online and try to check which of the statements are true.** Check all the things you wrote down, even the things that didn't seem suspicious to you- you might be surprised!

As always, remember to think about what sources you are using on the internet. Look for websites that end in *.edu, .org, or .gov*. Try to find at least two sources that confirm something is true (or two sources that say it isn't true).

Movie Fact Checker: *National Treasure*

Write down 5 to 10 things this movie presents as facts about American history. (Ex. Right at the beginning of the movie, we're told that "Charles Carroll was the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence")

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Circle the statements you think are false. Then, do some research to find out if you're right (for instance, Charles Carroll *was* the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence!).

Were your original guesses correct? What surprised you?