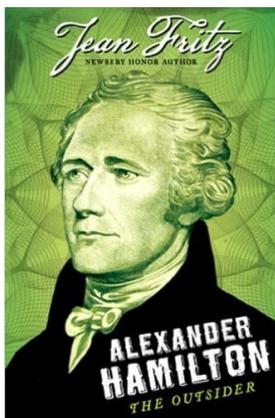


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Connections to the Past

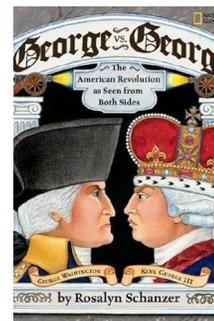


Recommended Reading: Great narratives with lots of information and interesting details to hook in young readers.

Alexander Hamilton The Outsider Jean Fritz is a go to author for me when I am looking for biographies or books about American History. Fritz is a passionate historian and she has a knack for finding facts and creating images that help kids connect and get excited about her subjects.

Can't You Make Them Behave, King George? by Jean Fritz pictures by Tomie de Paola Another great Jean Fritz book which tells the tale of the American Revolution from the English vantage point. This book has the added benefit of Tomie de Paola's illustrations. You kids will remember Paola from *Strega Nona* and will be delighted to see his work again in this fun piece of illustrated history.

George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen from Both Sides by Rosalyn Schnauzer This is an accessible account of the American Revolution told from two different points of view. A great lesson on American History and also in timeless lesson that in history there is always more than one side of the story.



Websites: Primary resources are excellent teaching tools when trying to help children connect with and understand the past. These sites are loaded with primary resources and short informative video content.

AllThingsHamilton.com an information portal to Alexander Hamilton with quotes, correspondence, portraits and links to lots of other helpful resources

Search **history.com** for Alexander Hamilton and get access to lots of great videos and accessible informational content.

alexanderhamiltonexhibition.org A few years back the New York Historical Society had a wonderful exhibit celebrating the quintessential New Yorker, Alexander Hamilton. Although the exhibit is no longer on display, the online exhibit is a great alternative. You and your children will enjoy seeing copies and reading the original letters between Alexander and Eliza Hamilton as well as searching and exploring so much more.

Field Trips: Standing in the same place where great things have happened and where history was made can be an awesome experience and a great way to connect with the past.

Columbia University (Kings College) - 116th street and Broadway. From 1773 - 1776 Alexander Hamilton attended Kings College (Now Columbia University). At the time Kings College was located adjacent to Trinity Church in lower Manhattan. Today, a statue of Alexander Hamilton stands in the front of Hamilton Hall at Columbia University at West 116th street and Broadway.

Federal Hall *26 Wall Street, NY* George Washington was sworn in as First President of the United States on the steps of Federal Hall and Alexander Hamilton likely watched it happen. As a lawyer and later as Secretary of Treasury Hamilton argued and presented many cases here.

Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House *1 Bowling Green* On or about this location is where Fort George once stood. Hamilton was captain of the New York Artillery Company and for a time he and his men were placed at Fort George.

Later (1902-1907) the U.S Custom House was built on this location. Before a federal income tax was imposed in 1917, the greatest source of revenue for the United States was collecting tariffs and duty from imported goods. The U.S Custom House is a grand building reflecting the prominence of NYC as the most profitable port city in the US at that time.



Today the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House is now home to the National Museum of the American Indian and a great place to reflect on Alexander Hamilton's contribution to his city and country.

Fraunces Tavern *54 Pearl Street* Just a short walk from the Custom House is Fraunces Tavern. A meeting place for Patriots, where George Washington and many Founding Fathers gathered, Fraunces Tavern was the site where Hamilton and Burr had their last meal together before the infamous duel. Today 54 Pearl Street is a wonderful museum and host to many educational programs about New York City's role in Colonial America, the Revolutionary War and the Early Republic.

Trinity Church *79 Broadway at Wall Street* About .4 miles from Fraunces Tavern you will find Trinity Church. Trinity Church is where Alexander and Elizabeth Hamilton are buried, and where they attended mass and had some of their children baptized. In addition the tombstones of Alexander and Elizabeth, the church contains a small exhibit explaining the Hamilton family connection with Trinity Church.

The Room Where it Happened *57 Maiden Lane* A few blocks north of Trinity Church is 57 Maiden Lane. The room is no longer there nor is the house that Thomas Jefferson rented. But there is a plaque to mark the spot where on June 20, 1790 Jefferson, Monroe and Hamilton met and made a compromise that changed the course of history.

Hamilton Grange *414 West 141 street* Hamilton slept here and worked here and farmed here and hosted dinner parties here. It is very cool to see his desk and the dining table where he and Eliza entertained and ate with his family. Hamilton Grange is a National Park site and participate in the Jr. Ranger program. Kids can go on a scavenger hunt, watch a film and complete activities to earn a Jr. Ranger Badge.

