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Paving the Way

Before America was a country, no one dared to think that common people could make their own laws. Kings, queens, and priests were the only ones fit to govern. Or so they thought! A group of spirited men changed that way of thinking. They formed the first congresses in the colonies and led the way to freedom.



▲ Leaders of the Continental Congress: John Adams, Gouverneur Morris, Alexander Hamilton, and Thomas Jefferson