

## Meet John Adams



Like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, John Adams was an important Founding Father who helped shape the future of the United States. A leader in the American Revolution, he became the second president of the United States.

John Adams was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1735. His father was a farmer and a deacon. Growing up, Adams was curious and liked to read books. He was honest and purposeful in all that he did. He was so purposeful in fact, that some people said he was very stubborn. Adams began studying to become a minister at Harvard College in 1751. He changed his mind after graduating from Harvard in 1755, and he later became a lawyer. When he was 23, he moved back to Braintree and began his law practice. During this time, hostilities in Boston were rising between colonists and the British government.

