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**Freedom’s Gateway: 1777**

**How the Empire State Created America and Delivered Upon the Promise of Liberty**

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● Directly Appointed to Northern Dept

● Devoted to the Cause of Liberty

● Similarities to Washington

* Born within Months
* Both Gentleman Farmers
* Directly Appointed by Congress
* Both Members of Congress
* Both Slave Holders
* Both Not Formerly Educated
* Both Surveyors
* Both Understood How to Win

● Scared of British Advance

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***The Characters on the Stage***

***● British***  
  
**Political**  
1. George III – King of England  
2. Fredrick North – Prime Minister  
3. Lord George Germain – Secretary of State for the American Colonies  
4. John Montagu – First Lord of the Admiralty  
5. Charles James Fox – Opponent of Revolutionary War

6. William Tryon – Lieutenant General and Colonial Governor of New York  
  
**Military**  
1. John Dyke Acland – Major, Commander of the Grenadiers

2. Lady Harriet Acland – Wife of John Acland

3. John Burgoyne – Lieutenant General and Commander of Upstate New York Invasion Forces

4. Joseph Brant – Native American Commander, Oriskany and St. Ledger Campaign  
5. Friedrich Baum – General (Hessian Commander), Battle of Bennington

6. John Butler – Lieutenant Colonel, Loyalist Commander of Butler’s Rangers – Upstate NY Campaign  
7. John Campbell – Brigadier General, New York – Hudson Highlands Campaign

8. Guy Carleton – Major General, Military Governor of Quebec

9. Henry Clinton – Commander of British Forces - New York City

10. Charles Cornwallis – Lieutenant General, Staff Officer to William Howe in New York City  
11. Luc de la Corne – Indian Commander and Native Language Interpreter

12. William Erskine – Brigadier General, Commander 80th Foot Connecticut Campaign  
13. Alexander Fraser – Captain, Commander of Select Marksmen, Upstate New York Campaign

14. Simon Fraser – Brigadier General, Upstate New York Campaign, Commander of Advance Forces

15. James Inglis Hamilton – Brigadier General, Upstate NY Campaign, Commander Center Forces

16. Richard Howe – Chief of North American Naval Forces

17. William Howe – Commander in Chief of North America  
18. David Jones – Staff Officer to Simon Frasier, Finance to Jane McCrea

19. Roger Lamb – Sergeant, Burgoyne’s Upstate New York Campaign

20. Alexander Lindsay, Earl of Balcarres, Major – Commander Light Infantry, Upstate NY Campaign

21. William Phillips – Major General (Artillery) – Upstate New York Campaign  
22. Philip Skene – Colonial, Loyalist Commander – Upstate New York Campaign

23. Barry St. Leger – Brigadier General, Upstate NY Campaign, Commander Mohawk Valley Forces

24. Friedrich Adolph Riedesel - General (German Force Commander) in New York Campaign  
25. Frederika Charlotte Reidesel – Wife of German Force Commander

***● American***  
  
**Political**  
1. John Adams – Member, Continental Congress  
2. Benjamin Franklin – American Representative to the French Court  
3. John Hancock – President, Continental Congress  
4. John Jay – NYS Constitution Drafter  
5. Robert R. Livingston – NYS Constitution Drafter

6. Gouverneur Morris – NYS Constitution Drafter  
  
**Military**  
1. Ethan Allen – Brigadier General – First Commander of the Green Mountain Boys

2. Benedict Arnold – Major General – Northern Department, Wing Commander

3. George Clinton – Brigadier General, First Governor of New York

4. James Clinton – Colonial, Brother of George Clinton, Commander Fort Clinton on Hudson Highlands

5. Henry Dearborn – Major, Continental Army, Regimental Commander at Saratoga

6. Peter Gansevoort – Brigadier General, Commander of Fort Stanwix  
7. Horatio Gates – Major General, Second Commander of the Northern Department  
8. John Glover – Brigadier Gen, Marine Transport Specialist, Continental Army, Brigade Commander

8. Nicholas Herkimer – Brigadier General of Tryon County Militia, Commander at Oriskany  
9. Henry Knox – Brigadier General and Commander of Artillery for the Continental Army

10. Ebenezer Learned - Brigadier General, Continental Army, Brigade Commander at Saratoga

11. Charles Lee – Major General, Court Marshalled by George Washington

12. Henry Brockholst Livingston – Staff Officer to both General Schuyler and General Gates

13. James Livingston – Colonial, Northern Department, Regimental Commander Saratoga/Ft. Stanwix

14. Benjamin Lincoln – Major General – Northern Department, Wing Commander

15. Richard Montgomery – Major General, Continental Army, Second in Command to Schuyler

16. Daniel Morgan – Colonial (Later Brigadier General), Commander Colonial Rifle Company

17. Timothy Murphy – Colonial Sharpshooter (New York) – Morgan’s Rifle Company

18. John Nixon - Brigadier General, Continental Army, Brigade Commander at Saratoga

19. John Paterson – Brigadier General, Continental Army, Brigade Commander at Saratoga

20. Enoch Poor – Brigadier General, Continental Army, Brigade Commander at Saratoga

21. Israel Putnam – Brigadier General, Continental Army, Hudson Highlands

22. John Stark - Brigadier General –Commander of the New Hampshire State Militia  
23. Arthur St. Clair – Major General, Commander of American Forces at Ticonderoga

24. Philip Schuyler – Major General, First Commander of the Northern Department

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