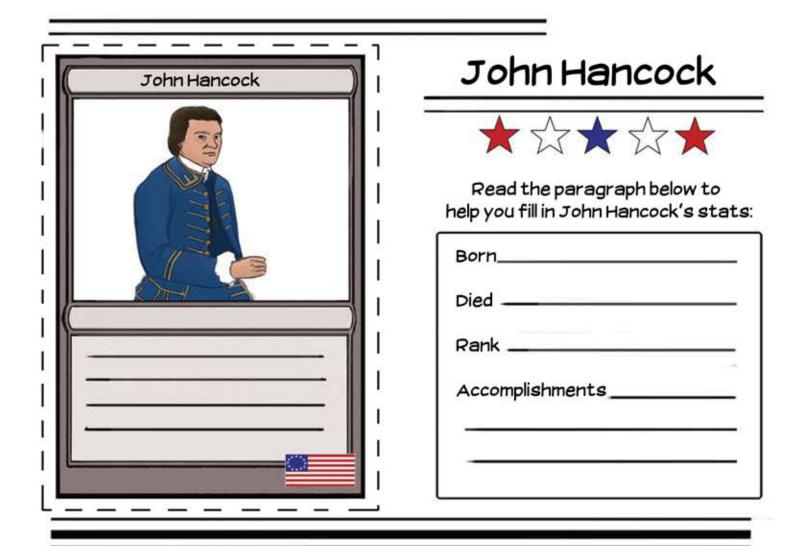
Faces of the American Revolution



John Hancock was born in Braintree, MA in 1737. After being adopted by a wealthy uncle, he went to Harvard and became a successful businessman. He got involved in politics during the 1760s, and during his life he was elected to serve a multitude of government posts in Massachusetts. He played an important role in the Boston Tea Party and supported the patriot troops during the American Revolution. Hancock was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence, and his signature is still famous to this day. He died in 1793 while serving his term as governor of Massachusetts.