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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LIFE OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Hamilton tells the story of Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the Caribbean Island of Nevis, who became one of America's Founding Fathers. He played a key role in ratifying the U.S. Constitution and established a financial foundation for the New Nation. His personal story is interwoven with some of the greatest events in American history.

1757

ALEXANDER HAMILTON was born on the British Caribbean Island of Nevis. His parents were not married.

1773

Hamilton attended King's College in 1773 (now Columbia University) during some of the founding days of the revolution. *Angry Colonists protest taxes at the Boston Tea Party.*

1767-1777

The Declaration of Independence on July 4th by the Continental Congress of the newly proclaimed United States of America. Hamilton was appointed Lieutenant Colonel and aide-de-camp to George Washington. He was tasked with restructuring the Continental Army.

1783

Great Britain recognised the independence of the United States, ending the American Revolution.

1794-1795

In 1794, Hamilton helped suppress the whiskey rebellion. He later retired as Secretary of the Treasury in 1795

1801

Hamilton advises Federalists to back Thomas Jefferson over Aaron Burr in an election deadlock. The House elected Jefferson as the third President of the United States.

1807

Aaron Burr is tried for treason and is acquitted

1765-1768

His family moved to the island of St Croix. His father abandoned them a year later and by 1768, Hamilton was orphaned when his mother died.

1774-75

At age 17, Hamilton published his first political article, and followed this up by joining the militia after George Washington's appointment as Commander-in-chief of the Continental forces.

1780-1782

Hamilton married Elizabeth Schuyler in 1780. Not long after, he was admitted to the New York bar as a lawyer and elected to the continental congress as an NY delegate.

1789

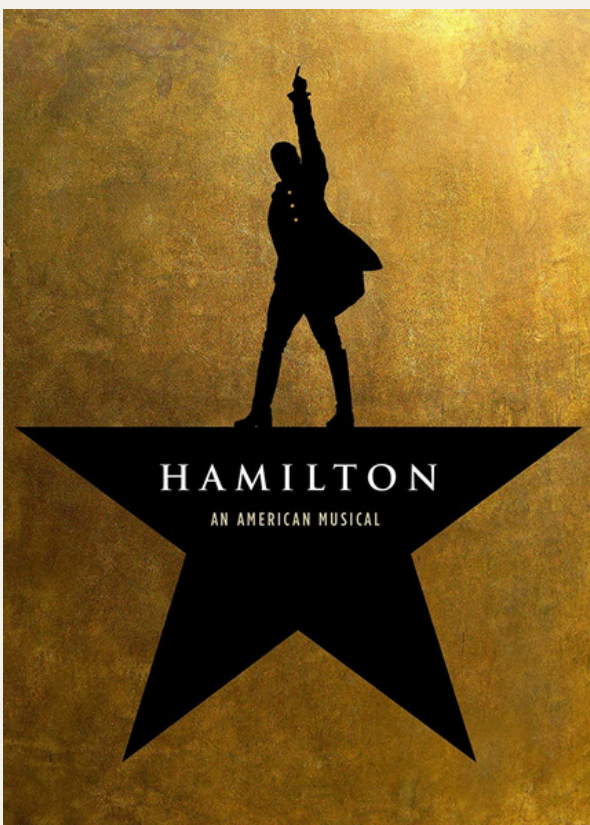
Hamilton was appointed as the first Secretary of the Treasury as Washington is elected as the first President of the United States.

1797

John Adams was inaugurated as the second President of the United States.

1804

Burr loses the Governor of NY election due in part to Hamilton's opposition. Hamilton is killed on July 11th by Burr in America's most famous duel, ending a long and bitter rivalry.



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