

# “Don’t Tread on Me” - Revolutionary Character HUDSON RIVER RAMBLERS



Dear Students,

The fight for American Independence took place here Westchester in ways great and small. All kinds of people helped. King George and the British often acted like bullies. American patriots found ways to deal them. The Hudson River Ramblers, (storyteller Jonathan Kruk, and folk musician Rich Bala) perform for you the real songs and stories of those trying times. We’ll have workshops in class too! Listen, enjoy and learn.

## ***Songs & STORIES for the Assembly ...***

***Revolutionary Tea*** - “Mother” England wants “daughter” America to pay a tax. What happens?  
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***General Howe & the Slave Girl*** - The British “quartered” in American homes. Why did the Pugsley girl have to act quickly? \_\_\_\_\_

***Yankee Doodle*** - The British made up this song to tease the poor Americans. How did the Americans respond? \_\_\_\_\_

***Westchester Tea Party*** - They did not just throw tea into Boston Harbor. How was the tea party different here? \_\_\_\_\_

***Retreat from New York*** - How do the American soldiers feel when they are leaving New York?  
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***Sybil’s Ride*** - This New York girl out rides Paul Revere! Is she a hero?  
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***Battle of Saratoga*** - Why is this battle called the “Turning Point of the Revolution?”  
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***John Jay & the Spy*** - Why did John Jay need to find “Tory Nests” and “Cow-Boys?”  
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***Follow Washington*** - *Why did the soldiers follow Washington?*  
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***Gathering Storm*** - Washington puts on his spectacles and holds together America?  
How?  
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***Doodle Dandy*** - *What did the American soldiers get on their way to New York?*  
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<--- *Who is this Rye guy?*

*Who is this guy* --->



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### Revolutionary Character WORKSHOP -



What is bullying?

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*Give three ways the British bully the Americans...*

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

*How did colonists respond?* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Partners Scenes - Write down what would you do?**

*What do you do when they call you a Johnnie Stinky Cheese, the idiot in bad clothes?*

*Would you turn in your dear friend a tory or patriot?*

### *Responses to Bullying*

#### *Response*

#### *Example from Program*

- Agree with what bully says, don't argue

*“Yankee Doodle” song*

- Tell an adult what happened

*“Sybil’s Ride” story*

- Stay together in a group

*“Tea Party” story*

- Stay away from where bully is or might be

*“Retreat from NY” song*

- Walk away from bully

*“Retreat from NY” song*

- Use “I” messages, like “I don’t like that!”

*“Revolutionary Tea” song*

- Don’t join in if you see someone being bullied

*“Gathering Storm” story*

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