



MARY KATHERINE GODDARD

Words to know: colonial, formative, postmaster, apprenticed, established, published, pursue, opportunity, sibling, advocate, postal, bindery, sole, editor, postmistress, position, unsuitable, entailed, capacity, petitioned, reinstatement, issuing, disagreements and champion

Reread the bio of Mary Katherine Goddard, paying close attention to the words above. If you are having difficulty with any of the words, use your dictionary, the Internet, or ask a friend for help.

Take out your journal and write Mary Katherine Goddard at the top of a new page. Then respond to the following:

1. In what century did Ms. Goddard live and work?
2. What American history event happened when Mary was working?
3. Notice the two words 'postmaster' and 'postmistress'. What is the difference in the two words?
4. Mary's father was a doctor and a printer. Which profession did her brother choose?
5. What happened to the family business when Mary's father died?
6. Name two businesses that Mary ran.
7. What belief did Mary have about 'the press'?
8. What famous document did Mary Katherine print?
9. Do you think the first American Congress believed that Mary Katherine Goddard was the best printer in America? Why?
10. What do you most admire about Mary Katherine Goddard and why?
11. Could Mary have been successful as a business owner and newspaper editor without being well educated?
12. Do you think Mary thought it was important for girls to be well educated? Why?
13. Pretend you are a girl who knew that Mary was being replaced in her job just because she was a woman. What would you include in a letter of support for Mary? Turn to a new page in your journal and write a letter of support. Remember to use your best letter writing skills and be specific concerning what you are thankful.

Be sure to color in the state in which Ms. Goddard was born on the map of the United States. On the back of the map, write Mary's full name and the name of the state in which she was born.

Stretching Your Thinking: Mary lived more than 200 years ago when America won its independence from England. In her lifetime, she lost an important job because she was a woman. Could that still happen today? Are there careers today that women cannot have? What will you do to make sure that you are prepared to be successful in the career of your choice?