

## Phillis Wheatley

Hello, my name is Phillis Wheatley. I was one of America's first poets and the first African American to publish a book. As a young girl, I was kidnapped and brought to live in the colonies as a slave. The Wheatley family treated me as their own daughter and gave me a good education. I wrote poems about my Christian faith, famous people, and the fight for Independence. I even wrote a poem about George Washington. He enjoyed it so much I was invited to read it to him. I gained my personal freedom and was a strong supporter of freedom for the colonies.

***Hold up a copy of one of your poems. When done, hand it to the student playing George Washington.***

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