

Deborah Sampson

Hello, my name is Deborah Sampson. As a young woman, I dressed myself up as a soldier named Robert to fight in the Continental Army. I was wounded twice, but no one found out that I was a woman. When a doctor discovered my secret, I was released honorably from the military. After the war, with help from Paul Revere, congress granted me retirement money for my service. Later I became a teacher and enjoyed retelling my experiences as a soldier.

Performance Instructions: Dress like a soldier with a bandaged leg and carry a pretend musket (provided by presenter). After speaking, limp back to your chair as if you were hurt from your injury.

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