

John Paul Jones

Hello, my name is John Paul Jones. I am one of America's first great naval officers. My flagship, Bonhomme Richard (BOHN-uhm REE-shard), attacked a British fleet in September 1779. When my ship began to sink and the British demanded my surrender, I shouted, "I have not yet begun to fight!" We went on to capture the British ship and win the battle. I later became one of the founders of the U.S. Navy.

Performance Instructions: Dress like a colonial sailor and carry a pretend sword. After speaking, hold up your sword and say, "I have not yet begun to fight!"

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