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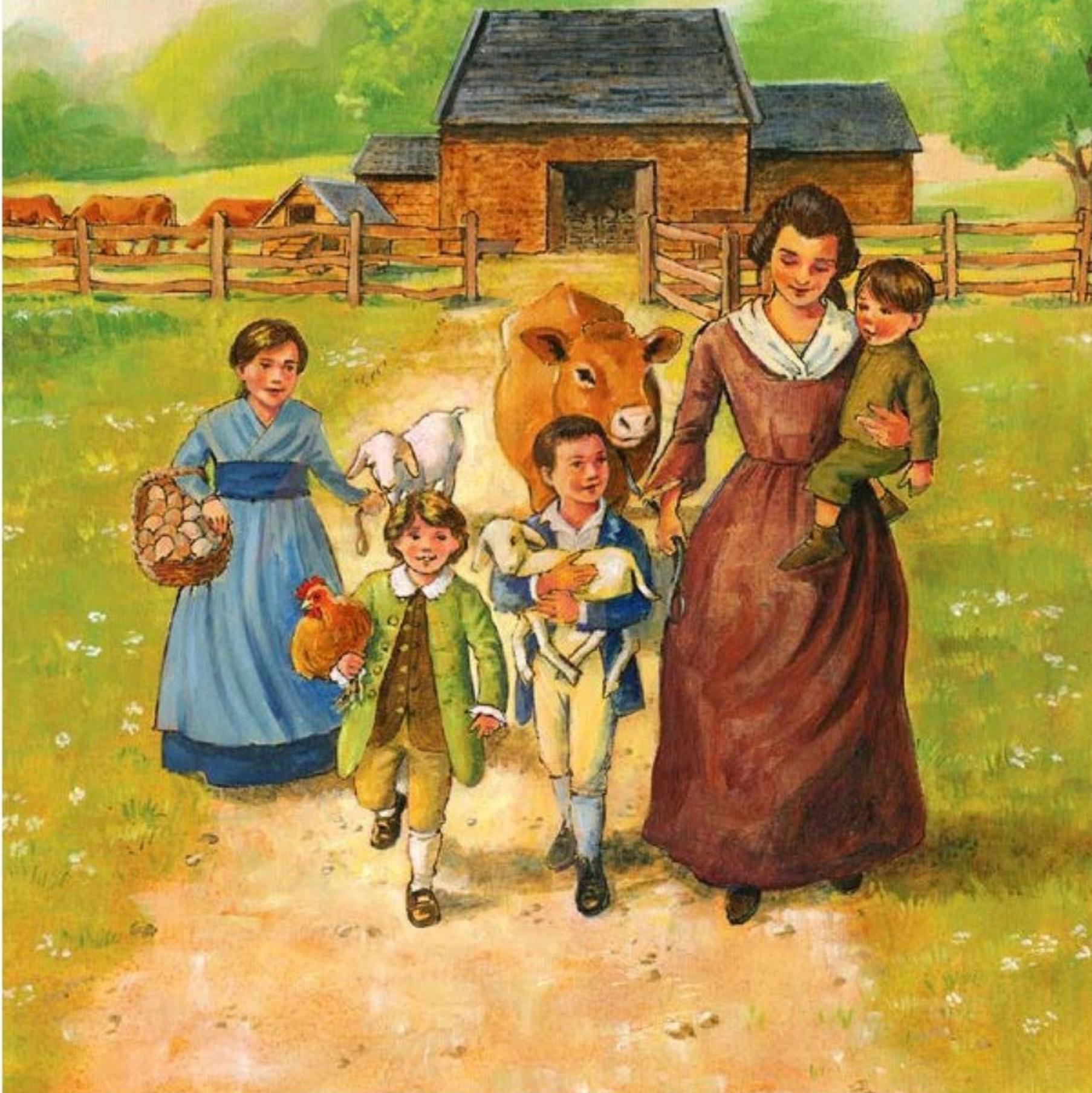


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Focus Question

Who was Abigail Adams, and
why was she important?

Words to Know

colonies

shape

First Lady

vice president

Great Britain

war

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This painting of Abigail Adams was made in 1795.

Who Was Abigail Adams?

Abigail Adams was smart.
Her ideas helped **shape**
the United States.



Early Years

Abigail was born in 1744.

She did not go to school.

Her mom taught her to read
and write.



These paintings show Abigail and John Adams.

Abigail married John Adams.
They lived on a farm.
Abigail ran the farm.



Abigail lived in Massachusetts, one of the thirteen colonies.

War with Great Britain

The United States was not a country at that time.

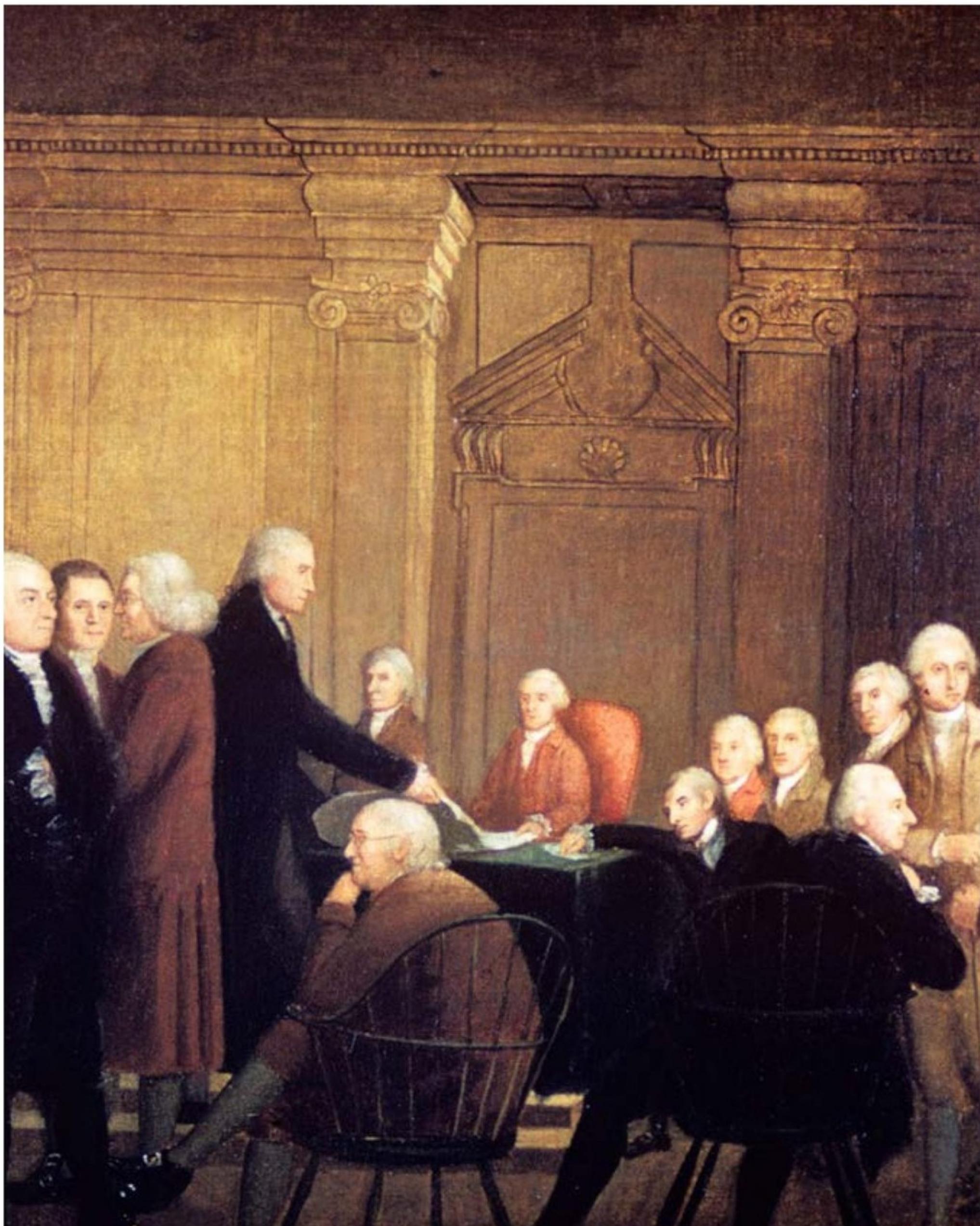
It was thirteen **colonies**.

They were part of **Great Britain**.



People in the colonies had to pay taxes to Great Britain. This stamp showed that a tax had been paid.

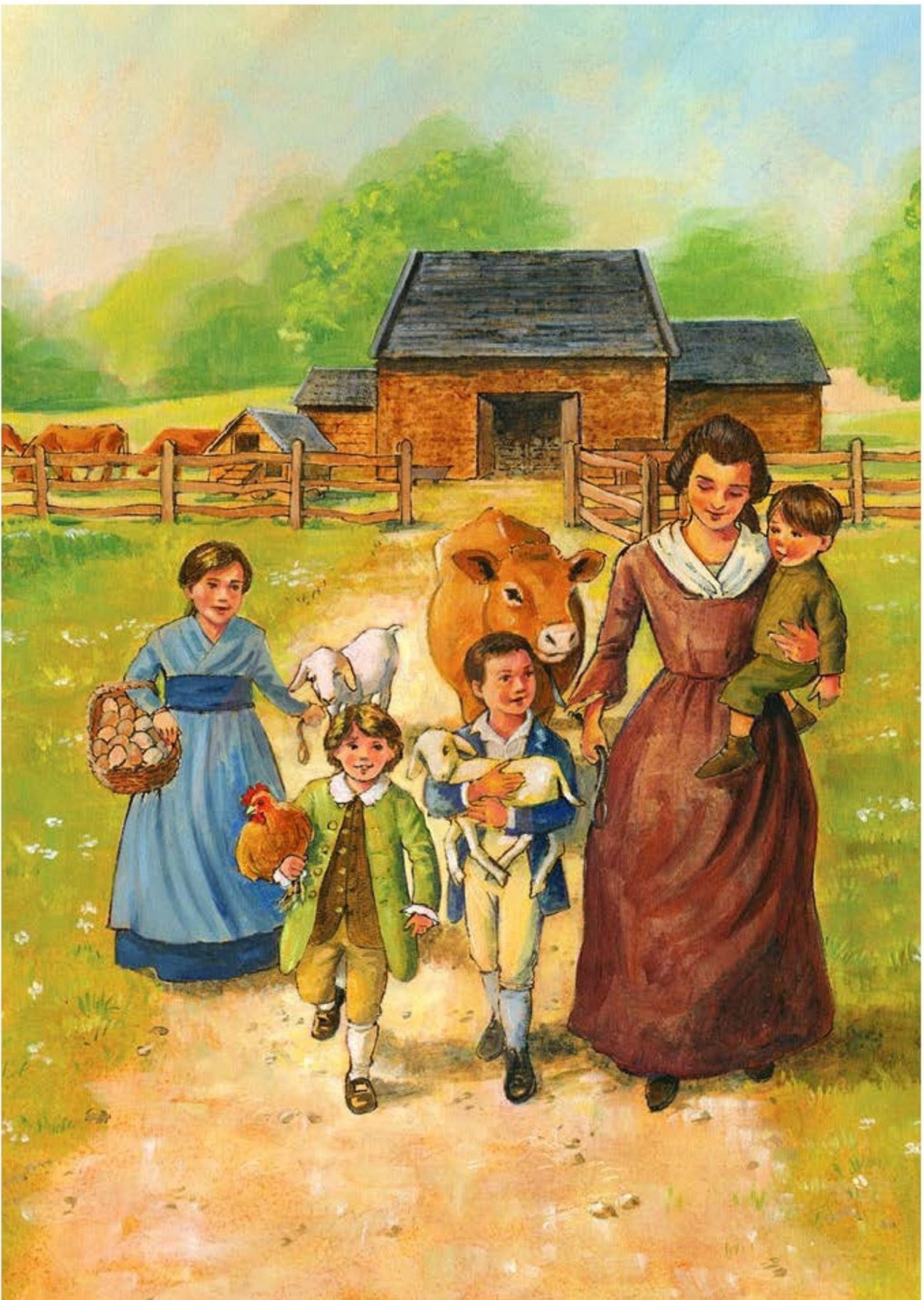
Many people did not want to be part of Great Britain.



This painting shows John Adams meeting with other men to talk about the colonies breaking away from Great Britain.

John worked to help them
break away.

John was away a lot.



Abigail cared for the family.
She also ran the farm.



Abigail and John wrote many letters.

Abigail told John her ideas.
John listened to her ideas.



Abigail cared for and served meals to soldiers who were hurt during the war.

The colonies went to **war** with Great Britain.

The colonies won the war in 1781.
They became the United States.

After the War

John became the first **vice president.**

Then, he was the second president.



Do You Know?

John and Abigail were the first president and First Lady to live in the White House. It was called the President's House at the time.



This painting of Abigail Adams was made late in her life.

Abigail was smart.

She told people her ideas
as **First Lady**.

Some people did not like that she
told people her ideas.

Abigail still told people her ideas.



This statue of Abigail Adams is in Boston, Massachusetts.

Later Life

Abigail died in 1818.
Her ideas helped shape
the United States.

Glossary

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| colonies (n.) | areas or countries that are ruled by or belong to another country (p. 7) |
| First Lady (n.) | the wife of a president or other leader (p. 14) |
| Great Britain (n.) | an island with the countries of England, Scotland, and Wales (p. 7) |
| shape (v.) | help something to change and grow (p. 4) |
| vice | a person second in |
| president (n.) | charge of a country (p. 13) |
| war (n.) | a fight between two or more groups or countries (p. 12) |

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Connections

Writing and Art

Write a letter to a friend discussing the future of the United States and ideas for making it a better place.

Social Studies

Make a timeline of Abigail Adams's life. Include three dates and at least five important events. Share your timeline with a partner.

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