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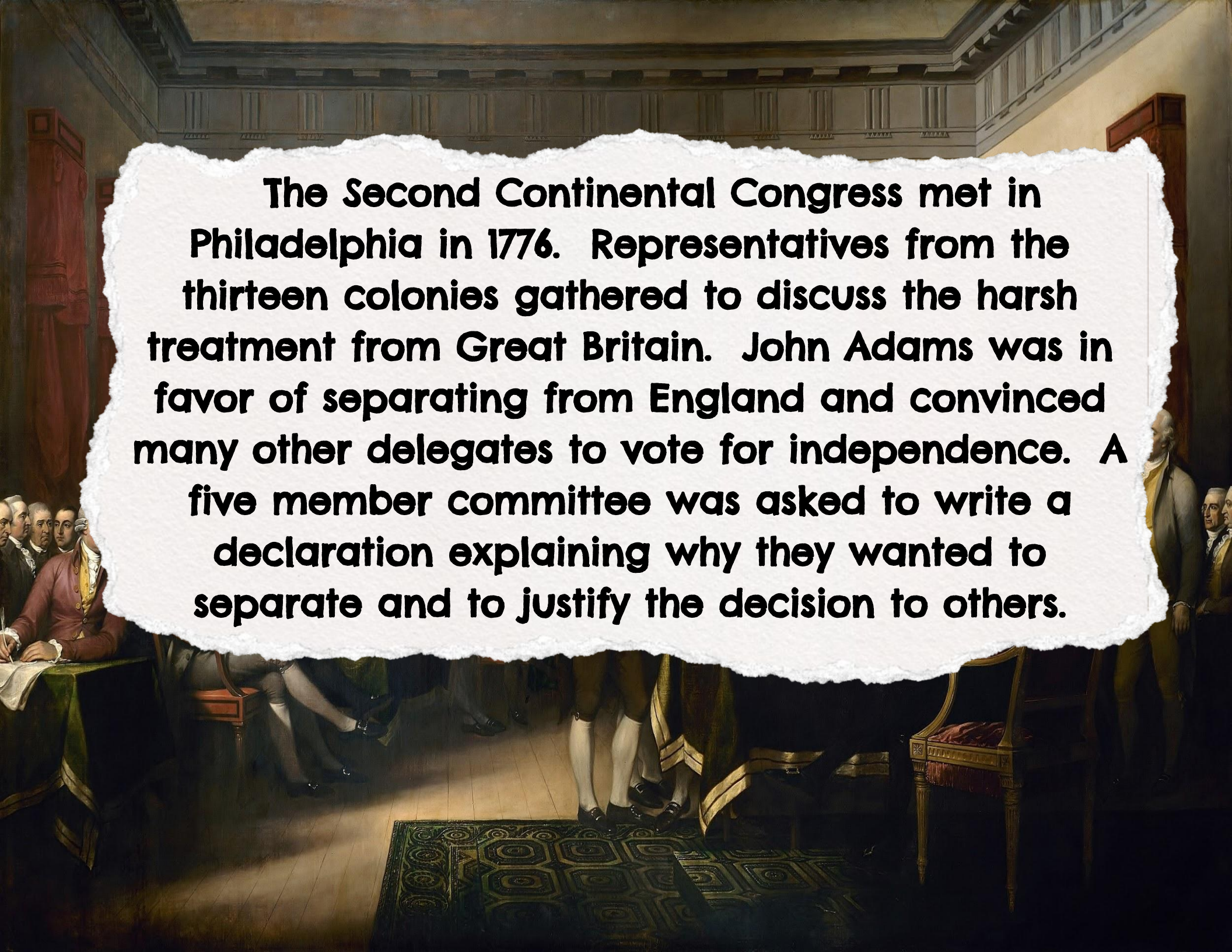
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The Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia in 1776. Representatives from the thirteen colonies gathered to discuss the harsh treatment from Great Britain. John Adams was in favor of separating from England and convinced many other delegates to vote for independence. A five member committee was asked to write a declaration explaining why they wanted to separate and to justify the decision to others.

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TRUE

FALSE

The committee to write the Declaration of Independence included Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston and Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson is considered the main author. The first five words of the Declaration are, "When in the course of..."

Who is considered the main author of the Declaration?

A. John Adams

B. Benjamin Franklin

C. Thomas Jefferson

Great Britain was far away from the American colonies. The colonists didn't want people all the way across the ocean telling them what to do or how to live. A list of complaints against King George III and the British Parliament were included in the Declaration of Independence.

Lastly, the Declaration of Independence announced the new independent country of the United States of America. This essentially would allow them to form alliances with other countries.

The Declaration of Independence announced the new independent country of New France.

TRUE

FALSE