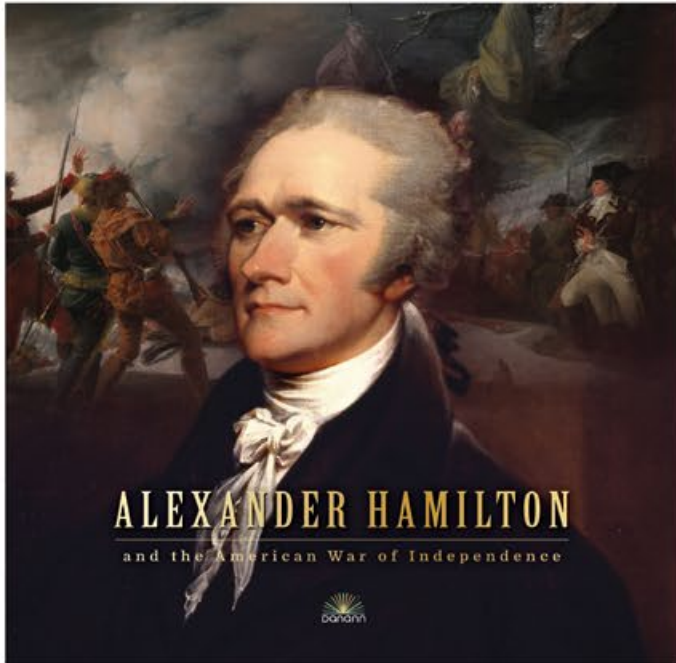


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**On the morning of 11 July 1804, Founding Father Alexander Hamilton was shot and fatally wounded - by the Vice President of the United States.**

Hamilton's death brought an abrupt end to the outstanding career of a man who had risen from an illegitimate orphan in the Caribbean to become one of America's most outstanding and influential statesmen. A hero of the Revolutionary War and a personal aide to George Washington, he was instrumental in shaping the fledgling American nation in its new-found freedom. His work as Head of the Treasury Department and author of many of The Federalist Papers helped to both stabilise the country and define what America truly stood for.

Hamilton's ideas made him powerful and remorseless enemies at the highest level of government, and he was almost destroyed when a shocking sex scandal was revealed. In the end, his inability to stay silent led directly to his murder.

Over the centuries, Alexander Hamilton's achievements in helping to create America had largely been forgotten – there were even plans to have his face removed from the \$10 bill – until his fortunes were spectacularly revived when his natural abhorrence of slavery was rediscovered and celebrated in a smash hit Broadway musical.

**KEY SELLING POINTS:**

- The story of America's founding father a West Indian immigrant who became George Washington's right hand man during the Revolutionary War and America's first Treasury Secretary.
- Hamilton The Musical has won seven Olivier awards and eleven Tony Awards on Broadway including Best Musical
- The stage show was inspired by the history of Alexander Hamilton
  - The Musical won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for drama and the Grammy award for best musical theatre album.
  - A film version of the musical is planned

