

Gingerbread for Liberty!
How a German Baker Helped Win the American Revolution

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A picture book biography about Christopher Ludwick, a German immigrant baker who enlisted in the Revolutionary War and won over the hearts of the American soldiers.

Audience:

- Grades 1-5 (with background knowledge)

Synopsis:

Christopher Ludwick was a German native who immigrated to America and established a bakery in Philadelphia, PA. He was well-known for his gingerbread and his generosity to children who were poor and hungry. When the American Revolution began, he enlisted and offered his baking services to General Washington. He undertook a secret mission and helped America win the Revolutionary War.

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Curricular Connections:

- Biographies
- Primary resources
- American Revolution
- Character traits

Lesson Ideas:

- Identify character traits of Christopher Ludwick and create a word cloud using Tagul.
- Identify primary resources to research important people in history.

List of Attached Materials:

- [Gingerbread For Liberty](#) Character Traits Worksheet
- [Gingerbread For Liberty](#) Primary Sources power Point
 - This Power point was submitted to the BES Committee by the author for all teachers to use. The primary sources in the Power Point are the ones the author used to research her book.

Common Core Anchor Standards:

- CCSS.ELA.Literacy.CCRA.R.2
Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
- CCSS.ELA.Literacy.CCRA.R.3
Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of text.

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Suggested Companion Titles:

- Henry and the Cannons: an Extraordinary True Story of the American Revolution by Don Brown
- George vs. George: the American Revolution as Seen from Both Sides by Rosalyn Schanzer