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National Handwriting Day **January 23**

This Day in History

We celebrate **John Hancock** and his contribution to handwriting. He was the first to sign the **Declaration of Independence**. This is a letter sent by American colonists to the King of England in 1776. It stated that America would form its own independent government. Today, we handwrite with paper and pencil in honor of John Hancock.

About John Hancock

John Hancock was born January 12, 1737, in Braintree, Massachusetts. He was President of the Second Continental Congress from 1775 to 1777. John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence in big letters!

Have you ever heard someone say, "put your John Hancock here?" That means they want your signature. "John Hancock" also means "signature."

About Handwriting

In John Hancock's day, people wrote on parchment paper. They used feather quill pens and ink wells. Writing used to be more formal. People used fancy loops and curves.

Today writing is simpler. We handwrite using print or cursive. Handwriting is an easy way to make lists, take notes, and write what we think.



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Color John Hancock.

