

The Whiskey Rebellion challenged the power of the new federal government to collect taxes.



Hamilton began two types of taxes,
an import tax and an excise tax.



An excise tax was a tax placed on certain goods made, sold, and used within the country.



In 1794 farmers in western Pennsylvania were angry over an excise tax on whiskey.

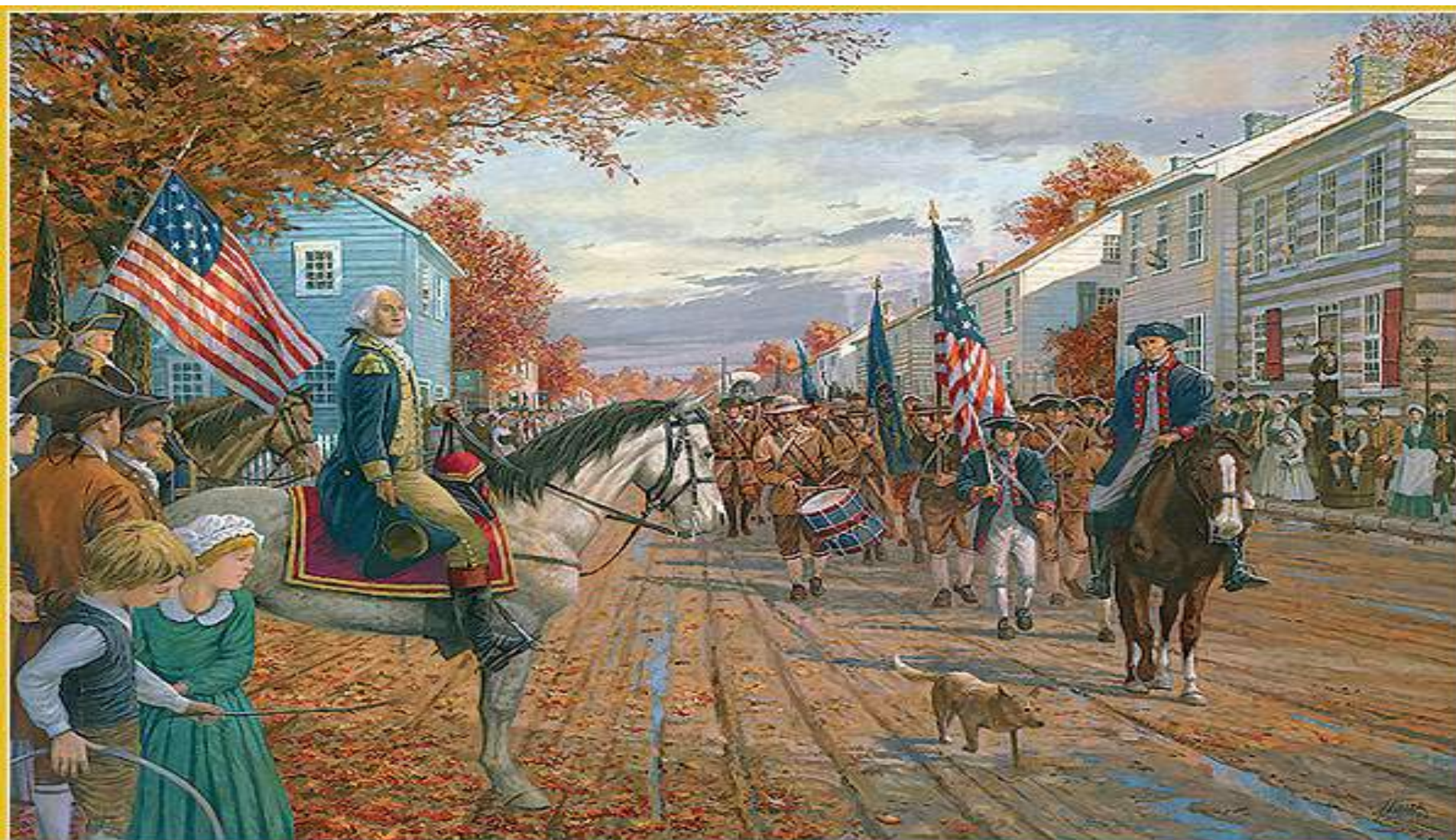


They refused to pay the tax.

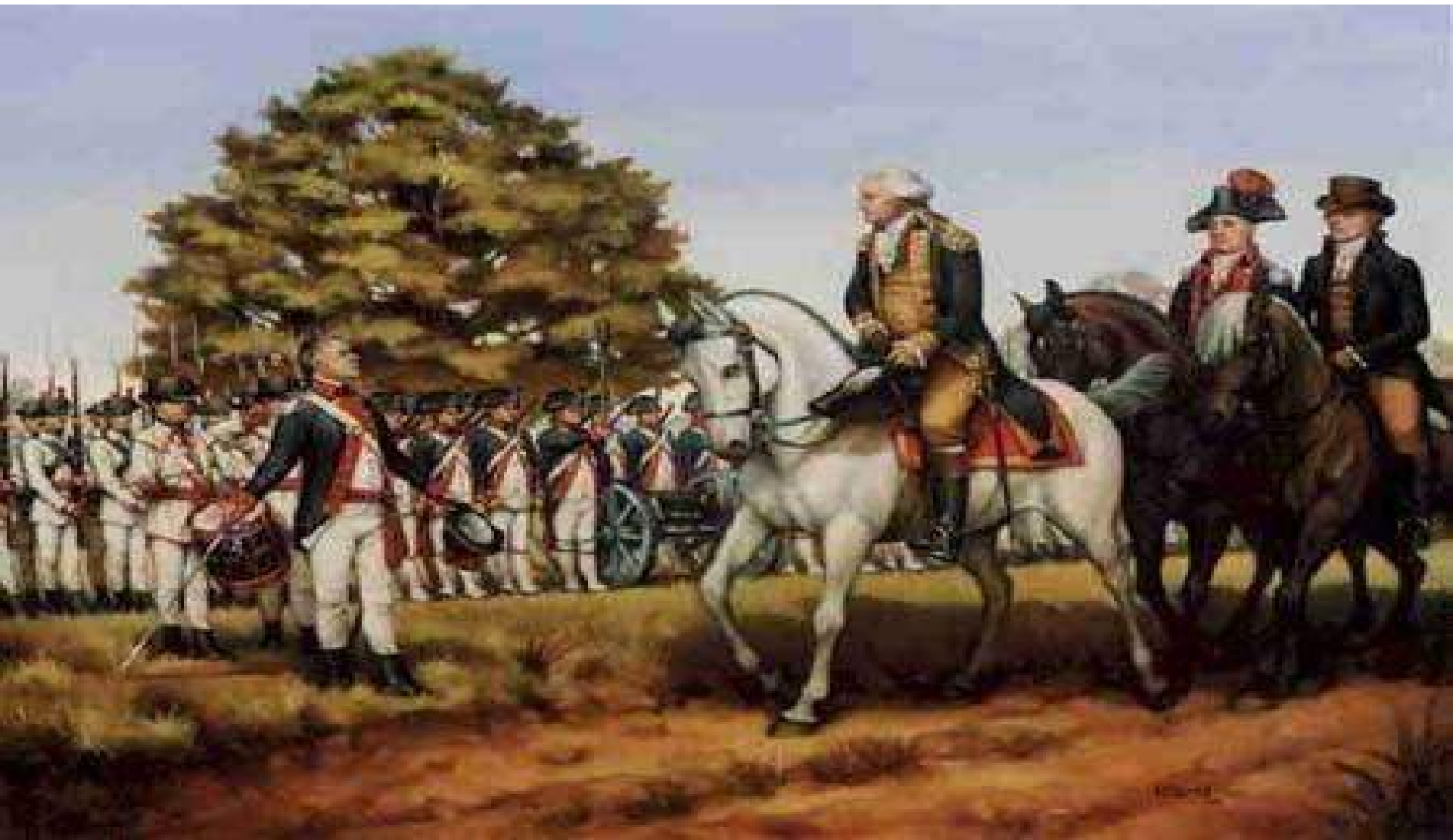


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Washington himself led troops into the area to put down the rebellion...



...and assure citizens of the power of the United States government.



Today you will perform a play on the
Whiskey Rebellion.



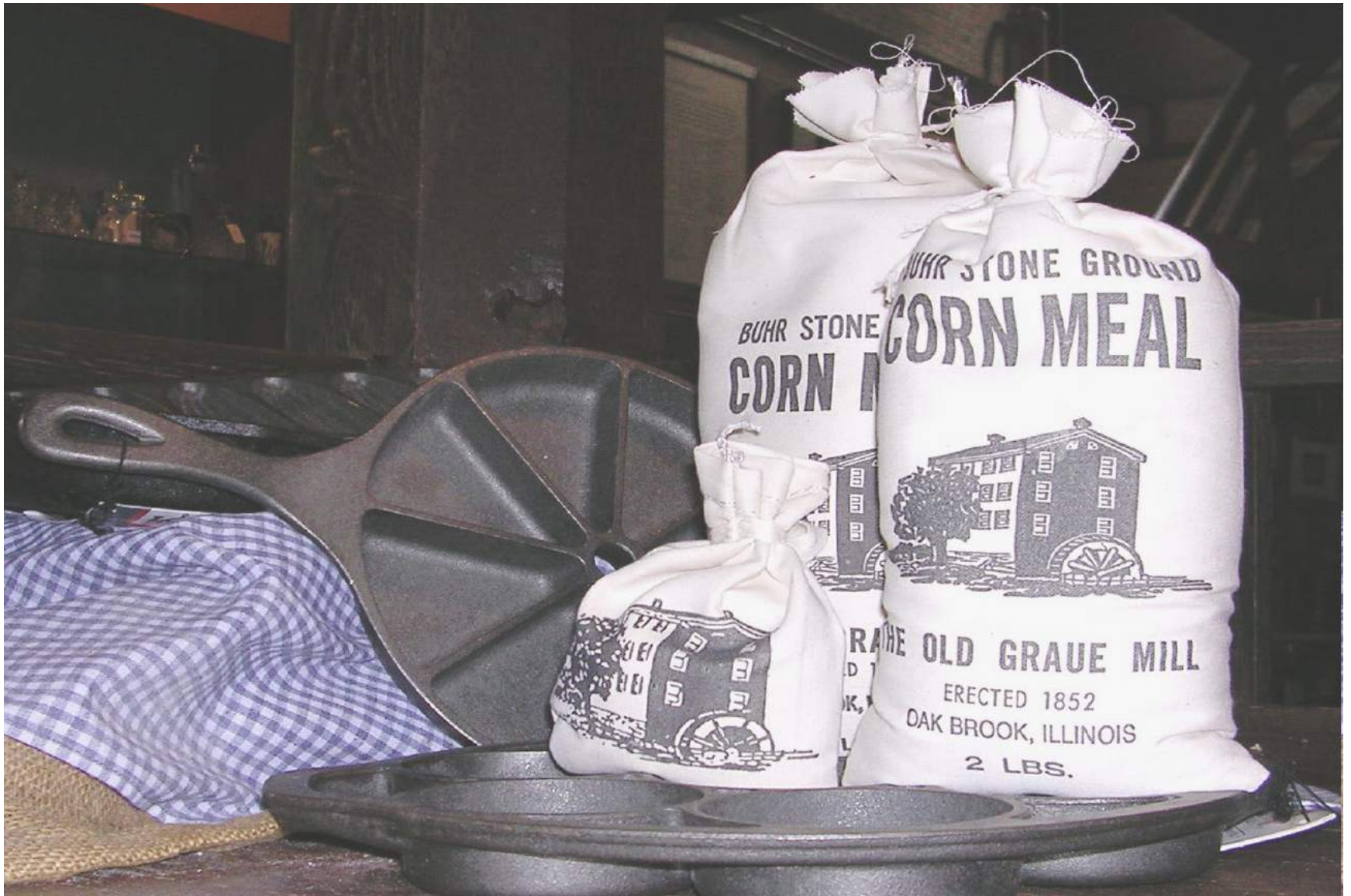
We will hand you your play scripts and
for those who receive money, and
instructions, approximately \$10 each.



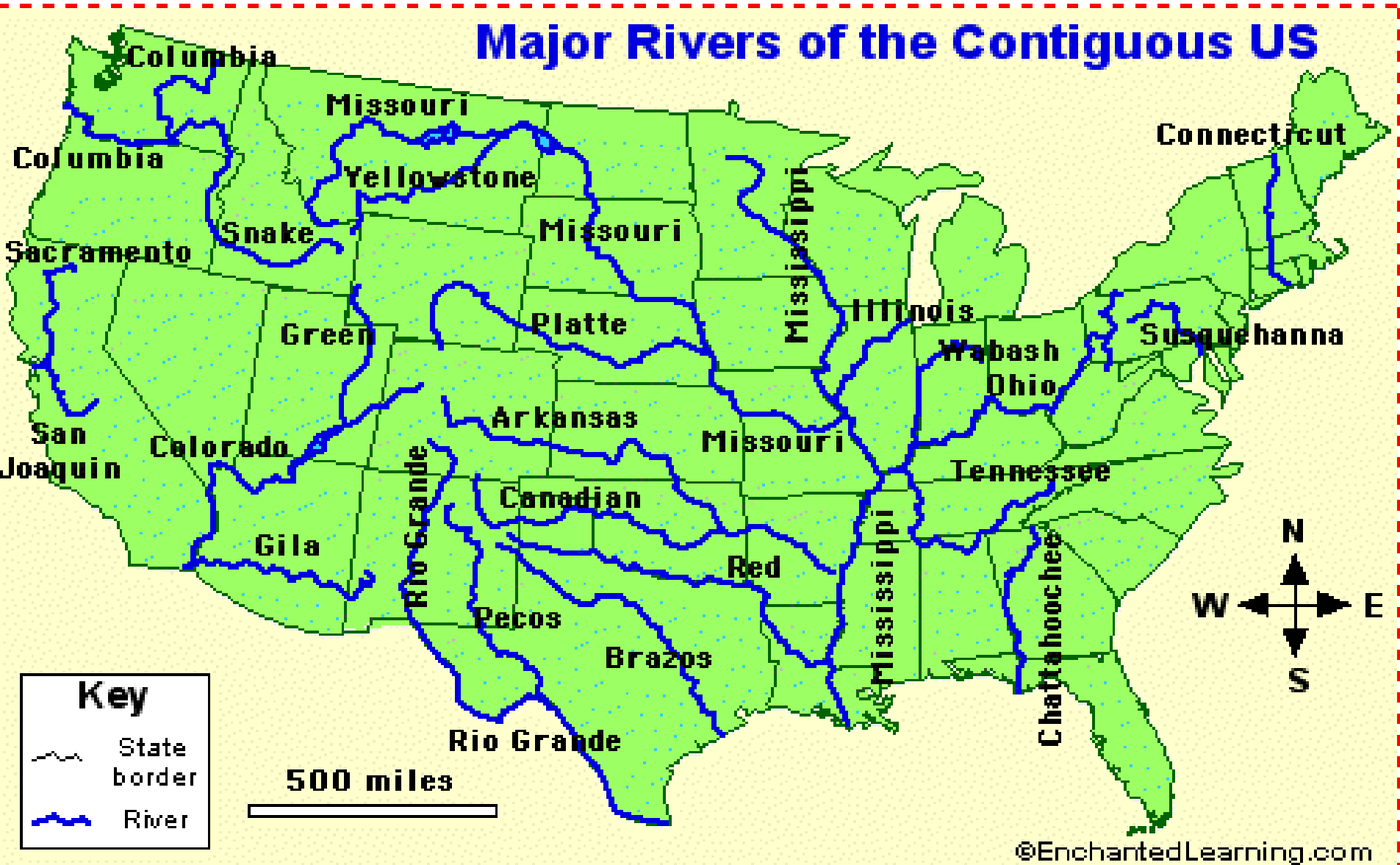
Farmers, tax collectors, and the Founding Fathers do not receive money.



Farmers receive bags of cornmeal. 50 lb bags are \$3.00 and 100 lb bags are \$5.00.



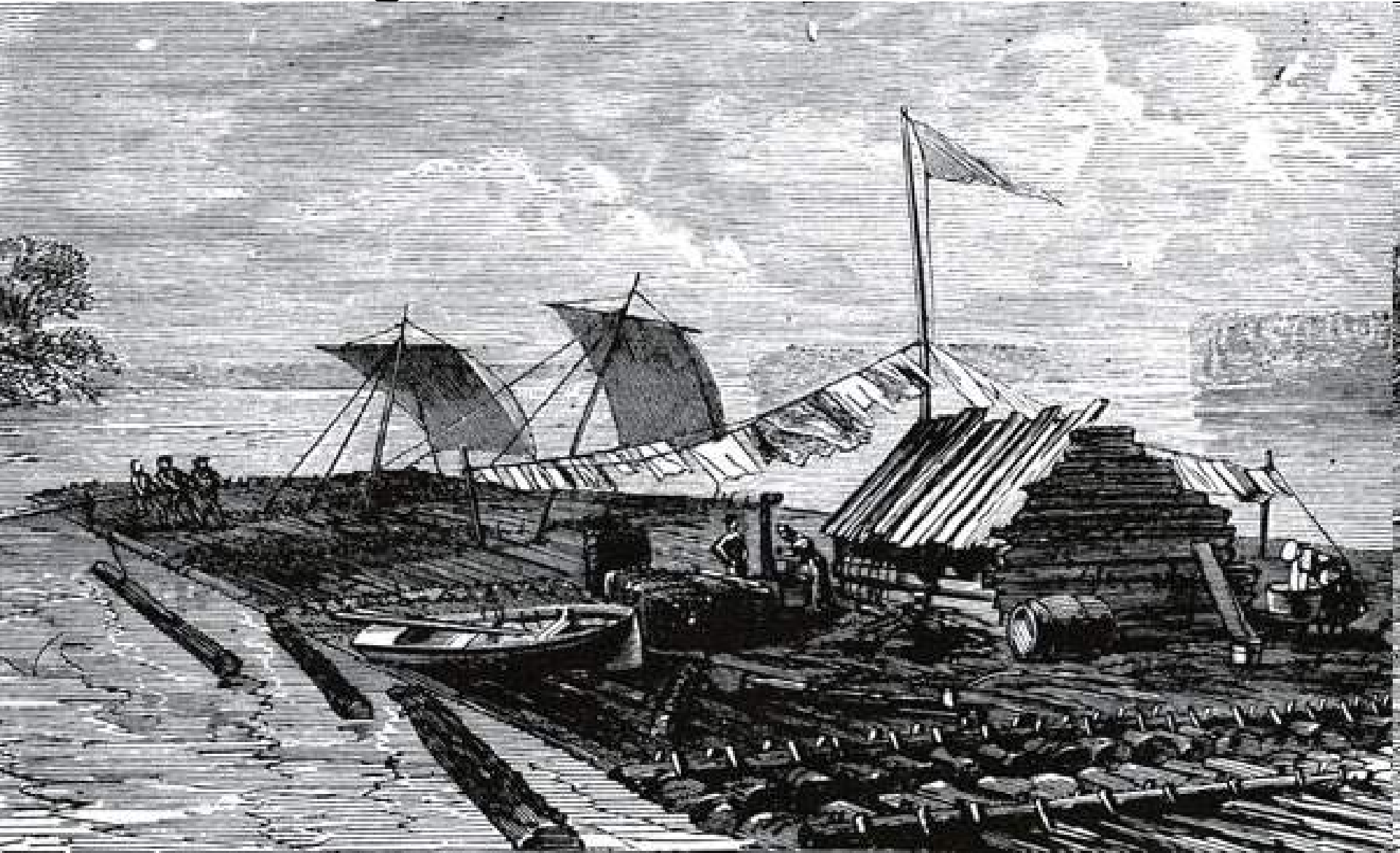
These events took place in western Pennsylvania
Farmers need to get their goods to a port.



The Spanish control New Orleans and have placed a heavy tax on goods going there.



If the Pennsylvania farmers can't float
their goods down the rivers...



...then they have to try to take them
east over the Appalachian Mountains.



For Scene 1, we need up front,
Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, and
Madison



Scene One: Capital City Philadelphia



The President's House in Philadelphia
Conjectural Elevation

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For Scene 2, we need Farmers #1, #2, #3, and #4.



Scene Two: Western Pennsylvania



Farmers will sell their corn to the consumers
at an auction. Consumers will raise their
hands so we know who they are.



\$3.00 for a 50 pound bag
\$5.00 for a 100 pound bag



Let's see which farmer can sell the most corn.



For Scene 3, we need the farmers and their scripts.



Scene Three: Western Pennsylvania



Scene Four: Western Pennsylvania



The Farmers are now going to sell whiskey.
Buy all that you can consumers!



For Scene Five we need all the
Farmers, and all the Tax Collectors



Scene Five: Western Pennsylvania



For Scene #6, we need Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, and Madison.



Scene Six: Philadelphia



Scene 7: Washington goes to Harrisburg and Carlisle, and raises an army of 13,000 men.



He advances into western Pennsylvania.
One of the few times an American President
has actually led an army in the field.



Washington stops halfway, the army goes on. The farmers do not resist and 20 people are arrested.



All were eventually pardoned. The federal government has shown that it has power and will use it.



We will now pick up all the items and put them neatly away.

