Below are four clues for you to guess Who or What Am I?  
The answers can be a person, place or thing.

*Birth of a Country—Revolutionary War*

1. • I was elected President of the Continental Congress in 1775.  
   • I was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.  
   • I was elected Massachusetts’ first Governor in 1780.  
   • My name became a synonym for a person’s signature.  

   Who Am I? _______________________________

2. • I was a Founding Father.  
   • I developed the concept of public (lending) libraries.  
   • I was an inventor and am credited with inventing bifocals, swim fins and the odometer.  
   • I once flew a kite.  

   Who Am I? _______________________________

3. • I began counting in 1790.  
   • I determine your congressional representation.  
   • I only show myself every 10 years.  
   • In 2020, I moved online.  

   What Am I? _______________________________

4. • I was imposed on the colonists in 1765.  
   • I was the first tax imposed by the British government.  
   • I required a tax on all legal documents, including marriage licenses, contracts and wills, as well as playing cards and newspapers.  
   • I led to the Revolution and the notion of “taxation without representation.”  

   What Am I? _______________________________

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A House Divided—Civil War

5. • I was fought in Maryland on September 17, 1862.
   • I saw 22,000 killed or wounded.
   • I’ve been called “one of the bloodiest battles of the war.”
   • I provided the Union victory that President Lincoln needed to announce the Emancipation Proclamation.

What Am I? __________________________

6. • I was a writer, statesman and leader in the abolitionist movement.
   • I actively supported women’s suffrage.
   • In 1840, I became a preacher where I refined my public speaking skills.
   • I was a former slave.

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7. • I was born during the Reconstruction Period.
   • I was inspired by the Civil Rights Act of 1866.
   • To this day, I am cited the most in litigation, by lawyers trying to prove their case.
   • I granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the U.S., including former slaves, and guaranteed all citizens “equal protection of the laws.”

What Am I? __________________________

8. • I was an abolitionist and political activist.
   • I worked as a spy for the Union Army.
   • My codename or nickname was “Moses.”
   • In a decade, I made 19 trips from the South to the North, freeing more than 300 slaves.

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9. • I’m known as the “conservation president.”
• I established five national parks during my presidency, including Yosemite.
• My face is carved on Mt. Rushmore.
• The teddy bear is name after me.

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10. • My cornerstone was laid in 1792.
• I belong to the American people.
• I was burned in 1814.
• Though it wasn’t part of my original design, I now have an office with no corners.

What Am I? ____________________________

11. • As a Federalist, I advocated for a strong central government.
• As a lawyer, I defended British soldiers after the Boston Massacre.
• I was the first president to occupy the White House.
• I served as vice president under George Washington.

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12. • As president, I pledged to serve only one term and I kept that pledge.
• I supported the U.S. Supreme Court’s Dred Scott decision, which said that Black people were not entitled to U.S. citizenship.
• I wanted to admit Kansas to the Union as a slave state.
• Weeks after I left office, the Civil War began.

Who Am I? ____________________________
Now it’s your turn. Think about what you’ve learned in class and come up with your own Who/What Am I? examples. Write each of your four clues on separate cards. See if your classmates can come up with the answer before running out of clues.

Make it a game. Award more points the fewer clues it takes. For example, if someone gets the answer after only one clue, the player gets 4 points; if the player answers correctly after two clues, the player gets 3 points; and so on. Whoever has the most points at the end of the game wins.