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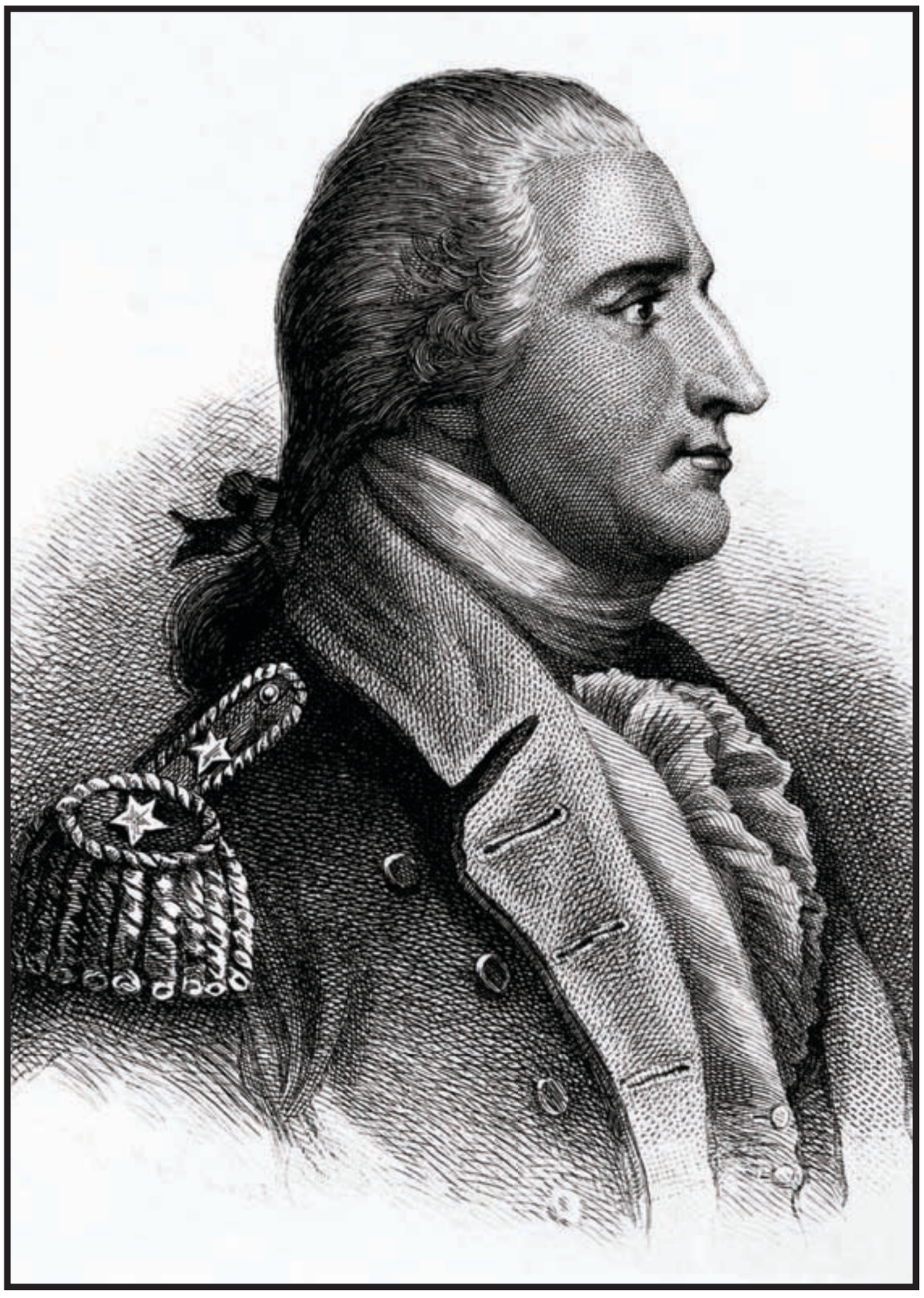
BENEDICT ARNOLD 1741-1801



"Benedict Arnold" is synonymous with the word "traitor" throughout American history. A successful general during the American Revolution, Arnold switched sides to sabotage America.

It is thought that Arnold betrayed his country due to a lack of acknowledgement for his successes as one of the most admired soldiers of the Revolution.

The greatest treasure that Arnold ultimately delivered to the British were the plans of West Point, where Arnold was commander. His reward for betrayal was an estimated one million dollars in modern currency, but the deal went awry when Arnold's handler, Major John André, was arrested with plans to the strategic fort located in his boot. The major was tried and hanged, and Arnold's secret loyalties were discovered.

Arnold escaped persecution ,served as a brigadier general for the British, and eventually moved to New Brunswick for a career in trade. In 1801, health deteriorating, Arnold passed away.

DEFINING THE WORD "TRAITOR"