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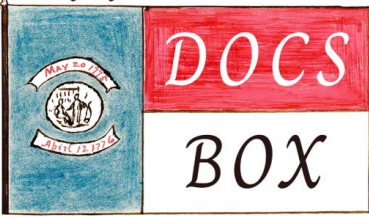
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The Edenton Resolves are real.

51 women signed them.

We know the names of all of the signers.

Because we know their names, we can infer that they were brave and determined – they knew the consequences of the Boston Tea Party and chose to act anyway.

We know additional information about many of the signers.

Penelope Barker is a real person whose life included tragedy.

Because of her unique circumstances, Barker probably had the business knowledge to organize this – but there is no evidence to prove that she did.

No copy of the original document is known to exist.

Fiction

The document probably wasn't signed all at one time, especially not at a tea party.

We don't know if Penelope Barker actually organized the petition.

We don't know who wrote the actual document.

The signers were not all from Edenton. Some came from the surrounding area.

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Student answers will vary but may include because that's how we learned it ourselves, because it makes a good story, or because we hope it's true.