On the night of January 2, 1777, General George Washington initiated a daring maneuver that would lead to the Battle of Princeton. Having just won two battles in Trenton, New Jersey, he now moved his army around the British left flank and then divided his men along two routes. He struck the British rear guard by surprise, but they put up a fight. At a key moment in the battle, some of Washington’s army began to retreat.

In this scene, we are looking at the pivotal moment of the Battle of Princeton. George Washington, mounted on a white horse, has rushed into the battle himself to rally the troops. He is at the head of a charge of soldiers coming straight at us. Many of these men are members of the Philadelphia Associators. They wear brown coats with red trim and bucktails in their hats as decoration. A drummer in a tan coat stands to the left, looking on as Washington and his officers lead the soldiers forward. Two British soldiers lay wounded to the right. Washington’s swift action may have changed the course of this battle in favor of the Revolutionary cause. “It is a fine fox chase, my boys,” Washington is said to have called, as they rounded up surrendering British soldiers.