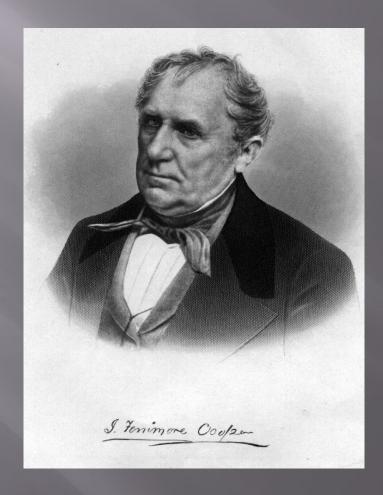
# JAMES FENIMORE COOPER



## **Early Life**

- James Fenimore Cooper was born on September 15, 1789 in Burlington, New Jersey.
- He was the eleventh child of twelve, and his parents were William and Elizabeth.
- When he was one his family moved and started a town on the frontier of New York.
- The town was dubbed Cooperstown after the family.

## Schooling

- James attended boarding school in Albany for his majority of his education.
- After boarding school he went to Yale, but was expelled due to him doing a prank.
- After his expulsion he became a midshipman in the navy.

#### Claim to Fame

- James Fenimore Cooper is most famous for his writings.
- He wrote such works as Last of the Mohicans, and The Deerslayer.
- His wife is the inspiration behind the works.
- She bet him he could not write a better book then she was reading. He won the bet.

#### Cooper as a Reformer

- Cooper is the first major American Novelist.
- He was the first American writer to write about Native Americans seriously.

#### Last of the Mohicans

- The Last of the Mohicans is the most famous book that Cooper wrote.
- It was the most popular book of the time and was very widely read.
- It was transferred into almost all languages in Europe, and a few in Asia.

### **Cooper in Politics**

- Cooper had many of his ideas in his book criticized by the Whig party.
- He went to court several times and won all of his cases.

#### Legacy

- Cooper has a long lasting legacy.
- He is still a very famous writer, and The Last of the Mohicans is a very popular movie.
- Some of his writings helped to have Americans realize that Native Americans are equal.

#### **Fun Facts**

- Cooper was expelled from Yale for training a donkey to sit in a professors chair, or blowing up another students door.
- Cooper had a large inheritance from his father that just got larger when his brothers died.