

George Washington

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Who Was He?

So just who was George Washington?

Well first of all, he was the first President of the United States! But more than just that, George Washington was also the leader of the United States Army during the Revolutionary War, and he helped write the Constitution!



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Growing Up

George Washington was born and grew up in colonial Virginia. When he was just 11 years old, his father passed away. Fortunately, he had an older brother named Lawrence who helped raise him. Lawrence taught Washington school subjects like reading and math to help educate him.



When Washington was 16 years old he got a job as a surveyor. His job was to go all around the land and measure it to put new locations on the map.

Famous places that Washington surveyed:

- Mount Vernon
- Frederick County, Virginia
- Ferry Farm



After surveying, Washington got hired to work in the Virginia militia. He was a leader of the army and helped fight in the French and Indian War.

Family

George Washington didn't have a very big family. After the French and Indian War, he went back home and got married. His wife's name was Martha.

Martha already had two children, a son and a daughter, and Washington became their father. They didn't have any more children together.



What Did He Do?

There are many things that George Washington is famous for. One of the things he is most remembered for is his role as the first president of the United States. How did he become the first president though?

One reason he was elected as the first ever president was because he led the United States against the British to win the Revolutionary War.



George Washington is also remembered because he helped write the Constitution of the United States and was one of the people who signed it after it had been written. The Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787.



Above is an image depicting George Washington signing the Constitution with the Continental Congress. The Continental Congress is actually another thing that George Washington is famous for. He was the leader of the Continental Congress, which was a group of people who were interested in politics and current events who came together to discuss what was happening around the world and talk about what kind of government they wanted for the United States. The Continental Congress, lead by George Washington, eventually agreed and together thought out the ideas that would be written in the Constitution.

Overview

Who was George Washington and why was he so important?

- He was the leader of the United States Army against the British forces
- He helped win the Revolutionary War
- He was the first president of the United States
- He was one of the leaders of the Continental Congress
- He helped write and sign the Constitution

George Washington is one of the most important people during the Revolutionary War and the early United States of America.

Fun Facts!

- George Washington stopped going to school when he was only 15 years old!
- Washington never had any biological children
- He was 6 feet, 2 inches tall! That was really tall for that time period. He also weighed 200 pounds.
- Some of his favorite foods included: peanut soup, mashed sweet potatoes with coconut, and string beans with mushrooms.
- On his farm, he had a lot of dogs to help him with things like hunting. He named them funny names sometimes too, like Tartar.



- After having toothaches, Washington decided to just pull all his teeth out! Instead, he wore dentures made out of ivory (not wood).
- George Washington never lived in the White House in Washington, D.C.
- He was also 57 years old when he became president.
- Washington eventually died because of a bad cold that turned into a throat infection.



Glossary

French and Indian War: A war fought before the Revolutionary War between the British, French, and Native Americans.

Revolutionary War: A war fought between the United States and Britain for American independence

Constitution: A list of rules that the United States has to follow.

Dentures: fake teeth made out of different material.

Ivory: Material that is made from the tusks of elephants, walruses, or narwhals.

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Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.

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