

# George Washington

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You may know that George Washington was the first president of America. You may not know what kind of man he was, though. You may not know many of the things he did in his life.



He was born in Virginia. Some people say it was the year 1731. Other

His family owned a large plantation. This became Mr. Washington's home. He traveled a lot.

Virginia was where he was born. He married Martha.

Mr. Washington was a general. He became the leader of the army.

When he and his friends wrote the Constitution of rules for how they should run the country, he was the first to sign it. He believed in the rule of law.

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by farm. He also liked to measure the land.

ere he married

and Indian War. Later, the Revolutionary War.

tion. This was a set of rules. He was the first person

Now it was time to choose a leader. Some people wanted to make Mr. Washington their king, but he said no. Instead, they chose a president. They made him their first president. Everyone who voted placed a vote for him. He did this job for eight years.

Mr. Washington never lived in the White House. This is where the president lives today. Instead, he lived in New York City and Philadelphia. This is because there was no White House yet.

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There are lots of neat facts about Mr. Washington. He loved dogs. He had many of them. He had no middle name. This is because middle names were not popular when he was born. Many people have said that he rarely smiled. This is probably because he had bad tooth decay. He did not like people to see his teeth.

George Washington is known as one of America's great leaders. He helped shape the country into what it is today!

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- 1) What is one fact about George Washington, where there is a difference of opinion?
  - a) There's no confirmation on whether he was born in 1731 or 1732.
  - b) It's not sure whether he was a king or a president.
  - c) Whether the war he fought in was the French war or Indian war is not confirmed.
  - d) Opinions differ in whether he had a middle name or not.

2) How special was Washington's life?

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3) Define "Constitution"

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4) Why did Washington...

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5) Why do Americans regard Washington as one of their great leaders?

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