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. Others say it was the year 1732. His family owned a place called Mount Vernon. This became Mr. Washington’s home. He worked hard on his family farm. He also liked to travel. He went to many places. He did survey work. This means he measured the land.

Mr. Washington was a skilled soldier. He fought in the French and Indian War. Later, he became the leader of the Continental Army. This was during the Revolutionary War. When he and his people won the war, they wrote the Constitution. This was a set of rules for how they would run the country. George Washington was the first person to sign it. He believed in these rules.

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.
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.

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   Americans regarded him as one of their great leaders, because he helped shape the country into its present status.

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