

George Washington Biography

George Washington was the first President of the US. He lived an interesting life, so let's take the time to explore his life!

1. Early Life

George Washington was born in Virginia in 1732. Virginia was one of the 13 colonies that were ruled* by England. America was not a country yet*.

George was a very good student. He was especially good at maths and spelling.

When he was 16 years old, he left his house to find a job. He got a job as a surveyor*.

2. Before the War

When George was 20, he joined the Virginia army.

On January 6, 1759, George married Martha Curtis. They lived on a large farm named Mount Vernon. They did not have children.

3. The Revolutionary War

George and other rich landowners* were unhappy with England because they made lots of rules* the Colonies thought were unfair*. He joined the army to fight the Revolutionary War. When England refused to change the rules, the Colonies decided to declare their independence. George was the leader* of the army.

The war lasted* eight long years, and finally, England surrendered* on October 17, 1781.

4. The Presidency

Once* the war was over*, the new country needed* a leader. George was unanimously picked to be the country's first president on April 30, 1789.

He was a very good leader and led the country for two different terms, which lasted 8 years. During his time as President, George put in place many roles and traditions.

5. After the Presidency

After the Presidency, George returned to his home in Virginia, where he lived for several* more years. Then in December of 1799, George got a bad cold. This turned into a terrible throat* infection. He died on December 14, 1799.

6. Fun Facts About George Washington

George never served as President in Washington, D.C. The capital when he was President was New York City, and then Philadelphia.

George had many different sets of dentures in his life. They were not made from wood* but were made from various types of bone*.

George owned* slaves* but gave them all freedom upon his death.

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| <u>Vocabulary help</u> * | rule : diriger | rule(s) : règle(s) | need : avoir besoin |
| not...yet : pas encore | landowners : propriétaires terriens | | leader : chef, meneur |
| surveyor : géomètre | unfair : injuste | once : une fois | lead (led, led) : mener |
| last (verb) : durer | surrender : se rendre | over : fini | several : plusieurs |
| throat : gorge | wood : bois | bone : os | own : posséder |
| | | | slaves : esclaves |

REMEMBER ! INTERROGATIVE WORDS



WHERE ? → _____
WHEN ? → _____
WHAT ? → _____
WHO ? → _____
WHY ? → _____
WHOSE? → _____
WHICH? → _____

WHAT TIME? → _____
WHAT KIND? → _____
HOW? → _____
HOW OLD? → _____
HOW LONG? → _____
HOW OFTEN? → _____
HOW FAR? → _____

Read George Washington's biography and answer the questions.

1. Where and when was he born?

2. What was he good at, at school?

3. What was his first job?

4. How old was George when he joined the army?

5. Who did George marry?

6. How long was the war?

7. When did the war finish?

8. When did George Washington become the first president?

9. How long was he president for?

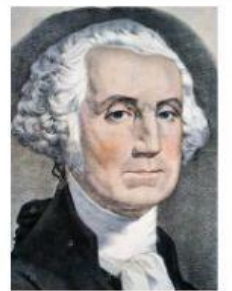
10. What did he put in place during his presidency?

11. When did he die?

12. What did he die of?

13. What was the capital of the US when George Washington was president?

14. What did he give his slaves?



VOCABULARY – VERBS

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| Be _____ | Die _____ |
| do _____ | Dream _____ |
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