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# Washington's Presidency – Is it True?





George Washington was elected the nation's first president in 1789. He traveled to the nation's capital, New York City, to be inaugurated, or formally sworn in. The runner-up, John Adams became the vice-president. Many political institutions and traditions were established during Washington's presidency.






The Constitution left it to up to Congress to determine the makeup of the federal court system, which they did in the Federal Judiciary Act of 1789. This act gave the Supreme Court six justices and established less powerful federal courts. Washington appointed lawyer and diplomat John Jay as the first chief justice of the Supreme Court. It was also Congress's duty to establish departments to help the president lead the nation. Congress established the departments of state, war, treasury, justice, and the postal service. The State Department dealt with relations with foreign countries. The War Department oversaw the nation's defense. The nation's economy fell under the umbrella of the Treasury Department. The heads of these departments, along with the attorney general, became the president's cabinet. Washington's cabinet advised him on official business.







**A. Terms and Names** If the statement is true, check that box. If the statement is false, check the box with the word or words to make it true.

**1.** When Washington was sworn in as the first president of the United States, the capital was New York City.

- ☐ true
- ☐ Washington, D.C.

**2.** Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of War Henry Knox, and Attorney General Edmund Randolph formed the first Senate that advised President Washington.

- ☐ true
- ☐ Cabinet

**3.** Washington appointed John Jay as the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

- ☐ true
- ☐ Thomas Jefferson

**4.** In 1789, Congress passed the Administration of Justice Act, which established the federal court system.

- ☐ true
- ☐ Federal Judiciary Act

5. The nation's economy fell under the umbrella of the Economy Department.

- ☐ true
- ☐ Treasury Department