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The Making of a President



Scientists and Artists Build Washington

Photography did not exist in George Washington's lifetime. So how do we know what he looked like? Recently, a team of experts led by scientist Jeffrey Schwartz used historical evidence, or clues, to build a statue of Washington at age 45. Here's how the team did it.

- 1.** The team began by scanning a mold of Washington's face into a computer. A sculptor had made the mold of the 53-year-old Washington's face in 1785. Washington's dentures, or false teeth, showed the shape of his mouth.
- 2.** Once the team had an idea of what Washington's face looked like at age 53, sculptors re-created the face to show what it would have looked like at age 45. The nose and ears continue to grow during adulthood, so those features were sculpted smaller.
- 3.** Painters added color to the statue based on historical documents that depict Washington with pale skin and grayish blue eyes.
- 4.** The statue was placed in an exhibit that shows Washington leading his troops during the long winter at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in 1777.

Choose the correct answer:

1. Which of the following tools was **not** necessary to complete the project?



2. How are the paragraphs numbered 1-4 organized?



3. Why did the author have to include the sentence, "photography did not exist in George Washington's lifetime?"



4. The definition of mold, as noted in the footnote, is a "mask made from the **imprint** of a person's face."



5. What is the author's purpose in "The Making of a President?"



6. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

The team displayed patience and ingenuity in their project, and their hard work _____ paid off with an accurate statue of George Washington.

