

Did You Know...?

George Washington

Father of Our Country

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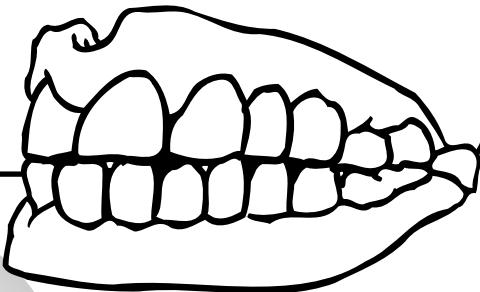


Seven years after the American colonies won the Revolution, George was called back to Philadelphia to lead the Constitutional Convention. As President of the Constitutional

Convention, he oversaw the writing of the Constitution of the United States. It took four months!

George lost all of his _____ by the time he was 57!

- _____ teeth
- _____ marbles
- _____ horses



George Washington never had wooden teeth. He did have several sets of false teeth made out of ivory, lead, and gold. All of them were uncomfortable!

On April 6, 1789, George Washington received **every** vote for president of the United States. He served two terms as president. During his presidency, he encouraged people to explore and settle the western territories.

One of George's favorite menus included cream of peanut soup, mashed sweet potatoes with coconut, string beans with mushrooms, and Martha's whiskey cake!

Match up the correct titles to find out some of Washington's nicknames!

Father of _____

A. Mount Vernon

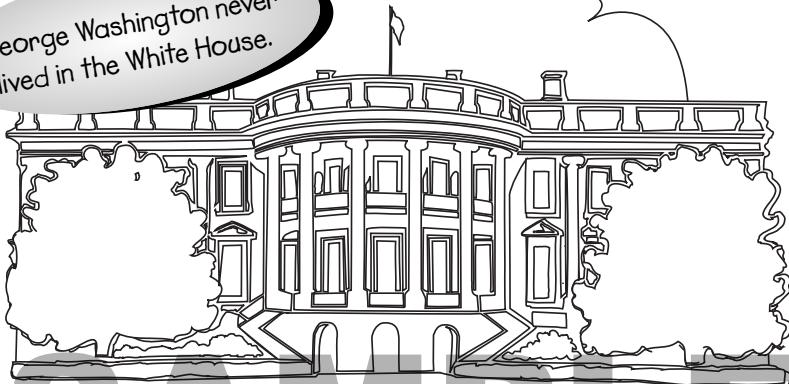
The Surveyor _____

B. Our Country

Sage of _____

C. President

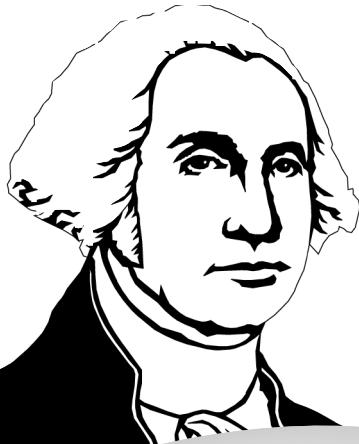
George Washington never lived in the White House.



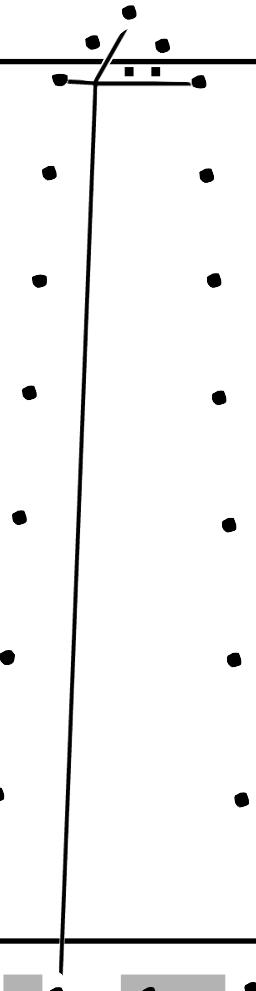
When asked to serve a third term as president, Washington said, "No." He happily retired to his beloved Mount Vernon. He only lived two more years before catching a cold and dying on December 14, 1799.

Washington is remembered as "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Complete the dot-to-dot to see a picture of the monument built to honor George Washington.



America's capital, Washington, D.C., was named after him. The Washington Monument can be found there.



Glossary

explore: to travel to an unknown place to find out more about it

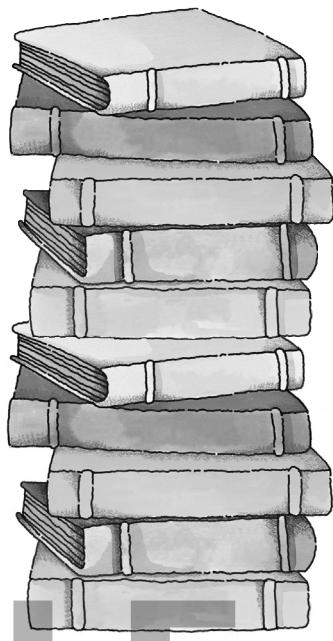
House of Burgesses: a representative branch of the colonial government

inspire: to cause or urge someone to do something

posture: the way a person holds their body while sitting or standing

sage: a very wise person

surveyor: person who measures land



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Pop Quiz!

1. George Washington is known as the father of:
 - our country
 - cherry trees
 - Mount Vernon

2. George's first job was as a:
 - colonel
 - surveyor
 - politician

3. George met and married a young widow named:
 - Susan B. Anthony
 - Pocahontas
 - Martha Custis

4. George was Commander-in-Chief of the American army during the:
 - American Revolution
 - War of 1812
 - French and Indian War

5. George Washington was the _____ president of the United States.
 - fifth
 - first
 - second

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Did You Know ...

- 1.** George Washington lost all of his teeth by the time he was 57?
- 2.** George Washington wanted to be a firefighter when he grew up?
- 3.** One of George's favorite foods was sweet potatoes with coconut?
- 4.** George didn't wear a wig or wooden teeth?

Would you like to know more about George Washington? Read and learn with this entertaining activity book!



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