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### Early Life

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732 in a log cabin in Westmoreland County, Virginia. Before George was 6 years old his family had already moved to several tobacco farms. In 1738, the Washington family finally stayed at Ferry Farm. George was only 11 when his father died and he became a very young slave owner. After his father's death George had a great deal of responsibility in helping to run the family farm. George was always a very hard and conscientious worker. George was formally schooled until the age of 14 or 15. It was said that math was his best and highest subject. Also, George was known to be a very honest and very respectful child. Proof of his honesty, religion and respect is this quote: Washington said "Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles."

### Adulthood

At the age of 16 George was invited on an expedition to survey the land of Lord Fairfax, a man who owned more property than anyone else in Virginia. In July of 1749, George was given the position of official surveyor of Culpeper County, Virginia. Between the ages of 26 and 42, George earned a reputation as a legislator and as a county court judge. Ten years later on January 6, 1759 he married Martha Dandridge Custis. George was a very good stepfather to Martha's children, John and Martha. In 1761, George inherited Mt. Vernon. He started buying other land and then began renting this land to farmers.

### Obstacles for George Washington

## Kasey Lee Founding Fathers Essay

George Washington faced many hardships during the American Revolution. Some hardships included incompetent officers, lack of trained soldiers, and supply shortages. Despite these problems George Washington led the American army to many important victories. The victories included the victories at Yorktown in 1781, which was the last major battle of the Revolutionary War.

### The Successes of George Washington

In the May of 1787, George Washington was elected the president of the Constitutional Convention. On September 17, 1787 George Washington was the first delegate to sign the Constitution. George Washington was elected as the first president of United States of America in February of 1789. George Washington was said to be a greatly respected and well-loved president. When he began to make plans for retirement in 1792, the members of his cabinet strongly encouraged him to serve another term as President. In 1793, George Washington was once again unanimously elected to the Presidency. His second term as president proved to be much more difficult and demanding than his first. His second term was more difficult because most of Washington's second term was consumed by the threat of war with Britain and/or France. Washington died on December 14, 1799. After a military funeral, he was buried at Mount Vernon.

George Washington

*The End*

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