

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES



OBJECTIVES

Students will

- learn about George Washington's life and the importance of Washington's role in U.S. history
- locate and label Washington State, Washington, DC, East Coast and West Coast on map
- explore ways that Washington is honored using money, paintings, and famous landmarks
- identify names of other important presidents in U.S. history
- identify the current U.S. president
- identify the date and presidents honored on Presidents' Day



VOCABULARY AND QUESTIONS

CIVICS QUESTIONS

#28—What is the name of the President of the United States now?

#69—Who is the “Father of Our Country”?

#70—Who was the first president?

#93—Name one state that borders Canada.

#94—What is the capital of the United States?

#100—Name two national U.S. holidays.

READING TEST VOCABULARY

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln

capital, state, Father of Our Country, President United States

Presidents’ Day

What, Where, Who

can, come, do, is/was, lived, name

in, of, on, the, to, we

independence

first, second, people, dollar bill, one

WRITTEN TEST VOCABULARY

Lincoln, Washington capital, Father of Our Country, President

United States, Washington, Washington, DC

February

Presidents’ Day

can, come, is/was, lived

in, of, on, the, to, we

first, second, people, dollar bill, one

GEORGE WASHINGTON (1732-99)

- He was commander in chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War (1775-83) and served two terms as the first U.S. president, from 1789 to 1797.
- During the American Revolution, he led the colonial forces to victory over the British and became a national hero.
- In 1787, he was elected president of the convention that wrote the U.S. Constitution. Two years later, Washington became America's first president. Realizing that the way he handled the job would impact how future presidents approached the position, he handed down a legacy of strength, integrity and national purpose.



- Under Washington's leadership, the states ratified the [Bill of Rights](#), and five new states entered the union: [North Carolina](#) (1789), [Rhode Island](#) (1790), [Vermont](#) (1791), [Kentucky](#) (1792) and [Tennessee](#) (1796).
- He is also known as the “Father of Our country”, we celebrate him on February on Presidents day
- Less than three years after leaving office, he died at his Virginia plantation, Mount Vernon, at age 67



PRESIDENTS' DAY



- It is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents' Day 2020 occurs on Monday, February 17.
- Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.
- It honors the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures
- Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S LIFE - PRACTICE

- George Washington was an important leader in American history.
- He was our first _____ .
- He is the “Fa _____ of Our Cou_____.”
- Every F_____, we remember George Washington on Presidents’ Day.

VIRGINIA



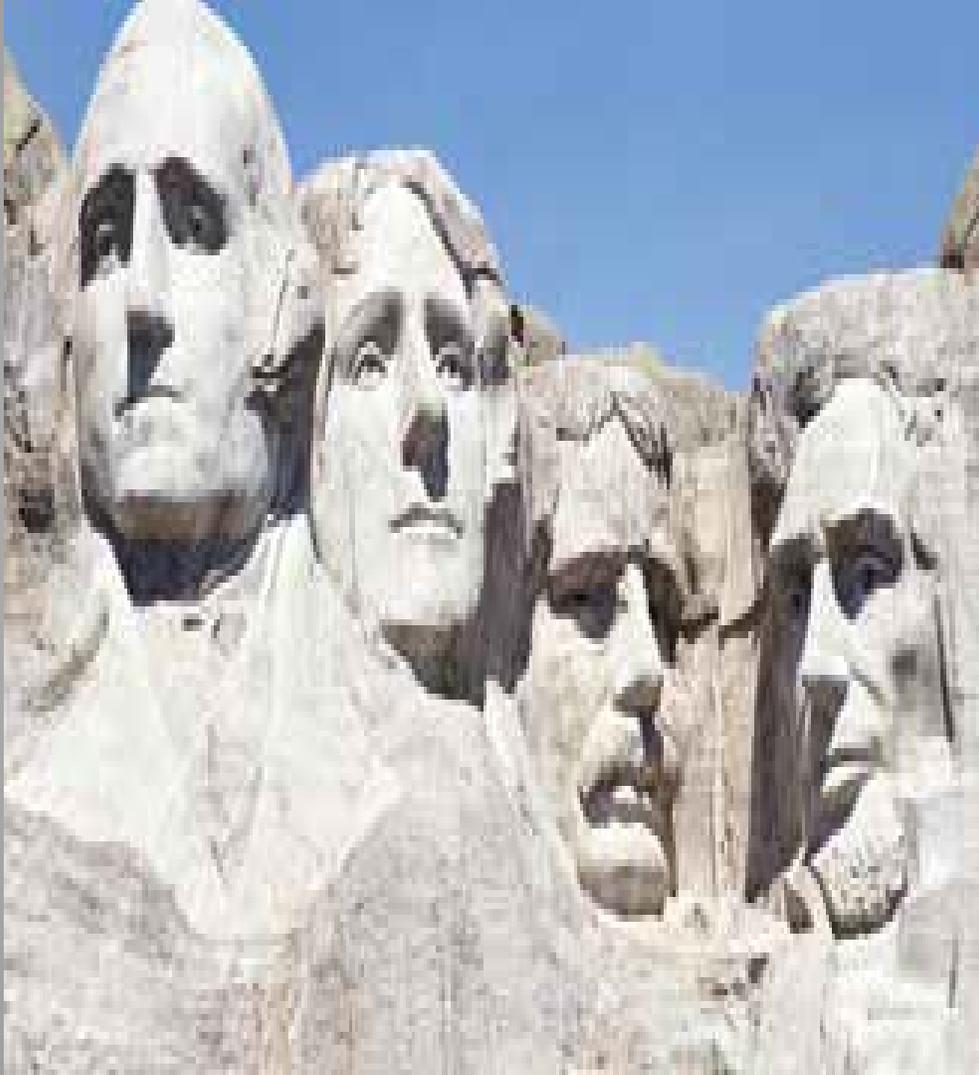
- Washington was born in Vir_____ in 17__.
- He was a farmer in Virginia.



PRACTICE

- Washington wanted _____ from Great Britain.
- He was a gen_____ in the Revolutionary War.
- He fought with the colonists against the B_____.
- The colonists did not want high t_____.
- In 17___, Washington and other leaders signed the Const_____.
- In 17___, he became the first president of the _____.
- He was president from 17 _____ to 17_____.
- After that, he returned to Mount Vernon to live.
- In 17 _____, Washington got sick and died.

- On the **East Coast**, our nation's capital was named Washington, DC, in 1800.
- On the **West Coast**, a new state was named
- Washington in 1889.



- In South Dakota, many people come to Mount Rushmore every year.
- Mount Rushmore honors George Washington.
- George Washington's face is on the mountain.
- Three other presidents are on the mountain.
- The presidents' faces are very big.
- Washington's nose is 20 feet high.
- Where is George Washington?
- Write his name under his face.
- Who are the other presidents?
- Write the other presidents' names

ANSWER THE SENTENCES , IF THE SENTENCES ARE FALSE EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER

George Washington was our second president

Yes

No

George Washington is the “Father of Our country”.

Yes

No

George Washington was our first king.

Yes

No

ANSWER THE SENTENCES , IF THE SENTENCES ARE FALSE EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER

George Washington face is on the \$5 bill.

Yes

No

George Washington is the “Father of Our country”.

Yes

No

George Washington was our first king.

Yes

NO

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE BLANKS.



We remember _____ Washington on President's Day.

We remember George _____ on _____ Day.

We _____ on _____.

We _____.

LISTEN AND COPY THE INFORMATION



DATES IN THE UNITED STATES

- We say and write the dates in this order: **month/day/year**. On many forms, you will read **mm/dd/yyyy**.
- We *say* dates in *long form*: **May 9, 2010** We *write* dates in *short form*: **05/09/2010**
- **Answer these questions in the *long form* for dates.**
- What date is New Year's Day? .
- What's the date today? Today is .
- What's your birthdate? My birthdate is

READ THESE CIVICS TEST ITEMS AND WRITE THE ANSWERS.

- 1. What month do we elect the President?
- 2. When is the last day you can send in federal income tax forms?
- 3. When was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
- 4. When was the Constitution written?
- 5. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?
- 6. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.
- 7. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1900s.
- 8. What major event happened in the United States on September 11, 2001?

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

- <https://my.uscis.gov/en/prep/test/civics/view>

VOCABULARY

- <https://www.uscis.gov/interactives/citizenship/self-tests/self-test-1.html>