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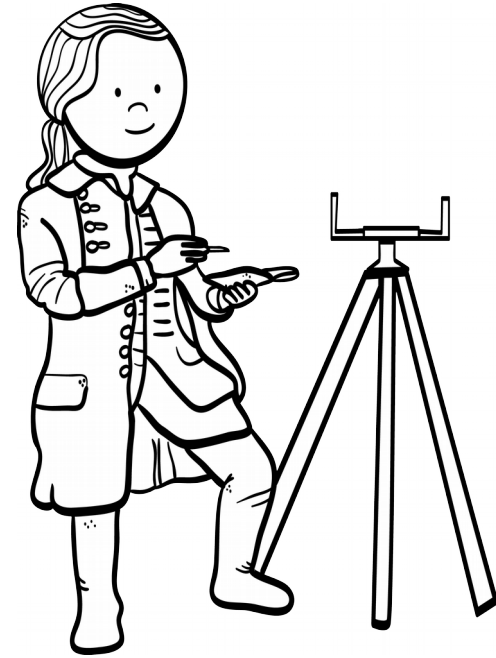
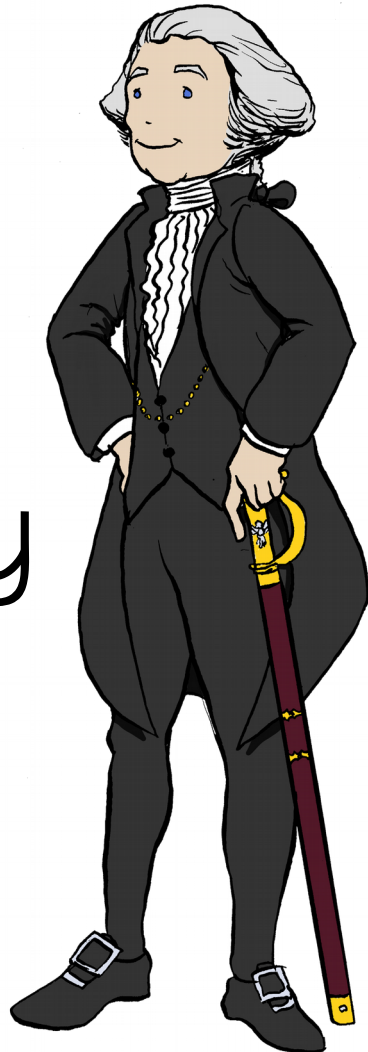
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# George Washington

## A Quick History



George Washington was born on February 22, 1732 in Pope's Creek, Virginia. He had three older half-siblings and five younger siblings.

George became a surveyor (person who examines land with the intent to sell the land) at the age of 17. George held his first position in public office when he was 23 in Virginia.

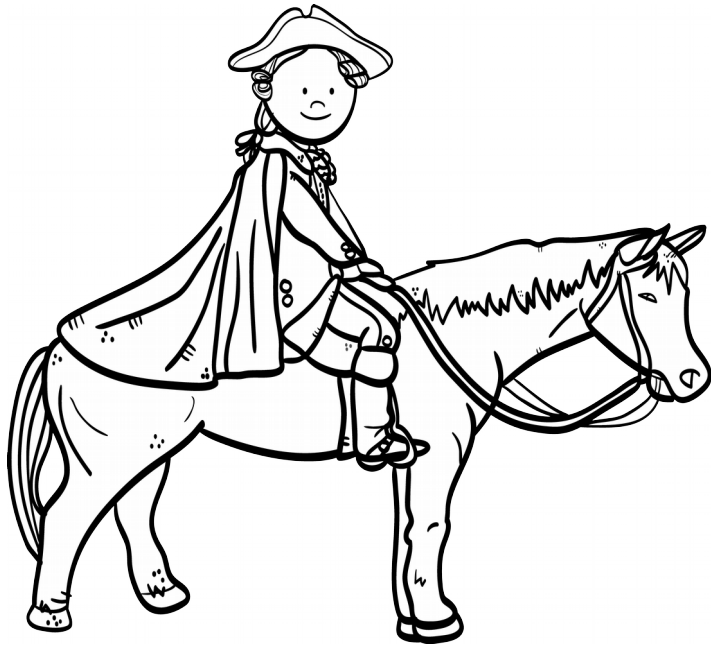


George married Martha Dandridge Custis in 1759, when he was 24. She had two small children before they married, but George and Martha did not have any children of their own.



There is a myth that George had a set of wooden dentures. He did suffer from dental problems for most of his adult life, but his dentures were not made of wood.

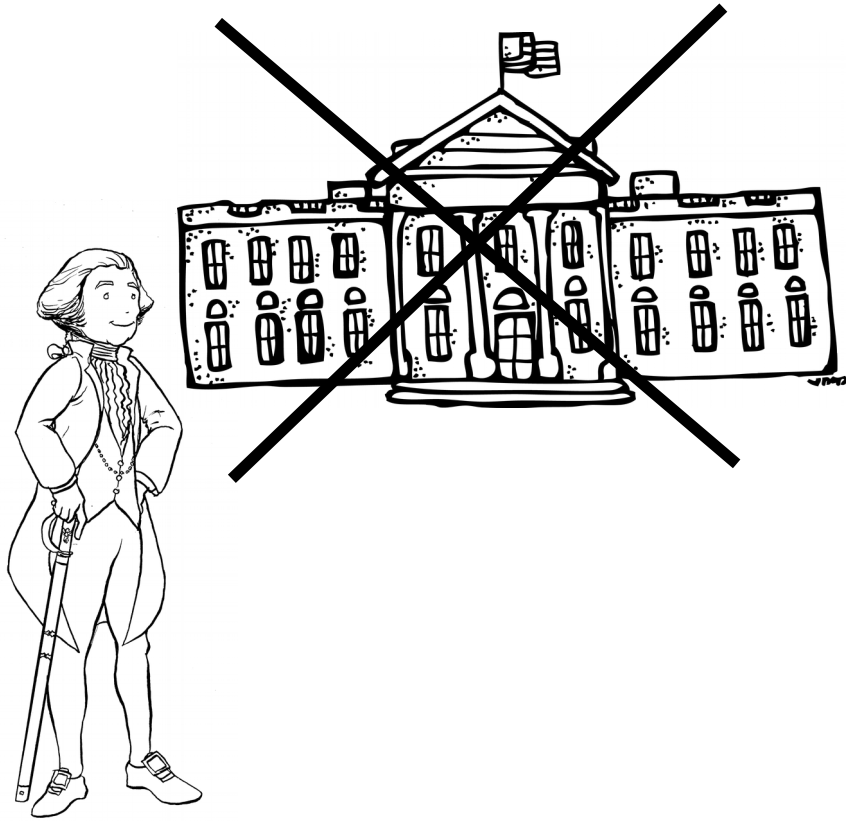
The dentures did make it difficult for him to speak, so George chose to not speak often. The dentures also changed the shape of his jaw which made him self-conscious about his appearance.



In 1775, George was appointed the commander in chief of the Continental Army. America was not a nation yet. They were in the middle of a war with Britain called The American Revolution.



George was elected as the first president of the United States in 1789. He was elected by congress in a unanimous decision. Unanimous means that everyone in congress agreed that Washington should be the first president.



George served as President for two terms - or 8 years. He was president from 1789 to 1797.

George was the only president that never lived in the White House. It hadn't been built yet! In fact, George helped oversee the White House being built.



The United States was a young nation and George Washington was responsible for setting many precedents, or actions and behaviors that would act as an example for the future.

George decided that the president should be called 'Mr. President'. He helped set up the systems of our government. He even established the U.S. Navy.