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# Discover America

Course 7 - Teacher Guide



**COURSE 7: AMERICA'S FIRST  
PRESIDENT**

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## Key Themes

- Freedom
- Independence

## Core Values

- Community
- Faith
- Life
- Liberty

# Learning Objectives

**Students will be able to:**

- Name the first President of the United States.
- List two characteristics of George Washington.
- Explain George Washington's military experiences.



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## Key Terms

- 01 **Constitution** - a rulebook for the United States that guides citizens on how the government works and instructs them to act fairly.
- 02 **military** - a group of people trained to protect their country and keep everyone safe.
- 03 **president** - the leader of a country.

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# Introduction

## **ASK** Students

What is the document that established a new system of government in the United States after gaining independence from the British?

Do you know who the leader of our country is?

(allow students to respond)

## **TELL** Students

The leader of the United States is called the President of the United States. Let's watch another episode of Star Spangled Adventures to learn about the first President of the United States.

## **WATCH**

Star Spangled Adventures Episode 7:  
*America's First President*



Scan Me!



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# Lesson

## **ASK** Students

Who was the first President of the United States?

(allow students to respond)

## **TELL** Students

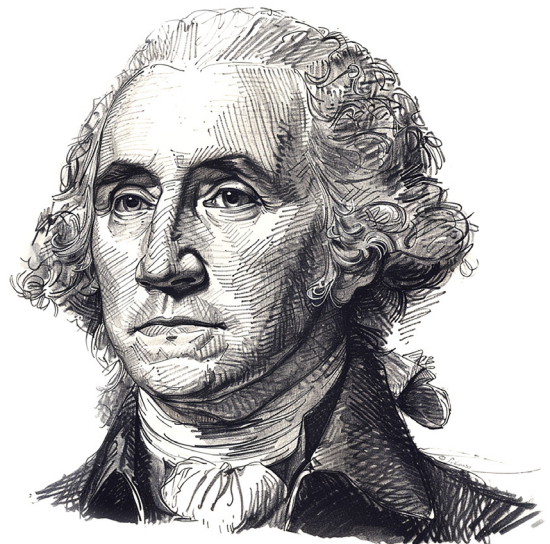
George Washington was a very important leader in America's history. He was our first president and did many great things for our country. Let's learn about his life.

George Washington was a strong and good leader. He was tall and looked very impressive. But what made him a great leader was his honesty. He always tried to do what was right and set a good example for others.

## **ASK** Students

What does it mean to be a good leader?

(allow students to respond)



George Washington

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# Lesson

## **TELL** Students

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, in Virginia. His family was rich, and his dad was a judge. When he was 17 years old, he worked as a land surveyor, which means he measured and looked at land. This job helped him learn a lot about America's land, and it was useful when he became a soldier.

In 1754, he became a major in the Virginia Militia, where he worked with the British. Later, in 1775, he had to fight against the British in a war for America's freedom.

When he agreed to lead the American soldiers, he knew it wouldn't be easy. But he was ready to risk everything to help America be free. After a long fight, the British surrendered, and America became free.

## **ASK** Students

How did George Washington serve in the **military**?

(allow students to respond)



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# Lesson

## **TELL** Students

When America needed a leader, everyone thought of George Washington. He didn't want to be **president** at first, but he agreed in 1789. He served as president for two terms and did a good job. In 1797, he retired.

George Washington always thought about what was best for the American people. He wanted to be a good example and lead with fairness and honesty. That's why he is remembered as a great leader in our history.

## **ASK** Students

Why did George Washington agree to become President of the United States?

(allow students to respond)

## **TELL** Students

Good leaders are important! George Washington was a good leader because he put others before himself, did his best and did what was right.

## **ASK** Students

What are characteristics of a good leader?

(allow students to respond)

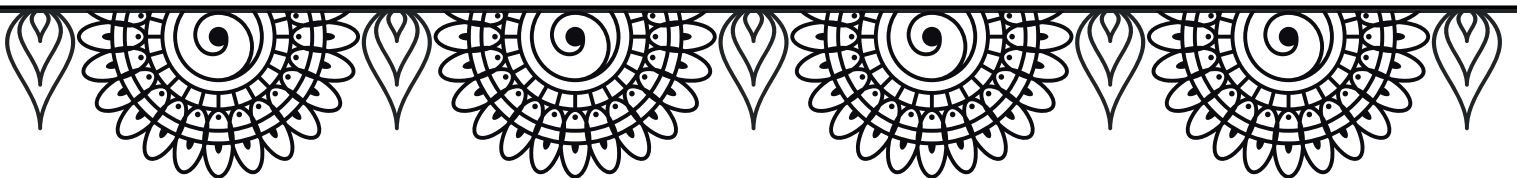
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**“Liberty, when it takes root,  
is a plant of rapid growth.”**

**- George Washington**



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# Resource List

- 01 <https://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/resume/>
- 02 <https://www.gingrich360.com/2021/01/01/newts-world-ep-179-the-immortals-george-washington/>
- 03 <https://www.gingrich360.com/product/the-first-american/>
- 04 <https://www.history.com/news/george-washington-french-indian-war-jumonville>
- 05 <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/valley-forge/>
- 06 <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/yorktown-campaign/>
- 07 <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/george-washington-resigns-as-commander-in-chief>
- 08 <https://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/the-first-president/political-parties/>
- 09 <https://www.heritage.org/commentary/the-man-who-would-not-be-king>
- 10 <https://www.history.com/news/george-washington-farewell-address-warnings>

