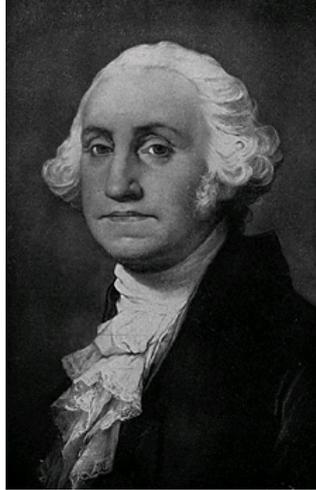


GEORGE WASHINGTON



George Washington was born on February 22nd, 1732, in Virginia. His parents were Augustine and Mary Washington. George grew up on a plantation in Virginia. He had seven brothers and sisters.

Young George's father taught him at home. He was a good student. When he was sixteen, he started to work as a *land surveyor*, a person who measures land. When he was in his twenties, he joined the army. He was a commander during the American Revolution.

After the Revolution, he was elected as the first President of the United States. As the first president, he was responsible for a lot of decisions about how presidents should act and what they should do.

George Washington is sometimes called the "Father of His Country." His birthday is celebrated in February. The Washington Monument was built to honor him, and his face is carved in Mount Rushmore. Washington, D.C. and Washington state are named after him. His picture is on the dollar bill and the quarter.

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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT *GEORGE WASHINGTON*

1. What is the purpose of this writing?
 - a. to entertain
 - b. to persuade
 - c. to inform
 - d. none of these

2. Where was George Washington born?
 - a. Washington, D.C.
 - b. Washington state
 - c. Mount Rushmore
 - d. Virginia

3. When is Washington's birthday celebrated?
 - a. in the fall
 - b. in the summer
 - c. February
 - d. January

4. According to the text, where can we see Washington now?
 - a. The Washington Monument is a sculpture of him.
 - b. He is on American money.
 - c. He lives at the White House.
 - d. He lives at Mount Vernon.

5. Why is George Washington called the "Father of His Country"?
 - a. He was a surveyor of land.
 - b. He was the first president.
 - c. He was a leader in the army.
 - d. none of these