



# George Washington

b. 2/22/1732

d. 12/14/1799

*“The Most Important Thing” Poem*

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*The important thing about George Washington is that*

*he was the first President.*

*He was a surveyor.*

*He was in the Army.*

*He was a General.*

*But the most important thing about him is that*

*he was a good President.*

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The person I choose to write about is George Washington. He was born in Virginia on February 22, 1732. His family had a plantation in Mount Vernon, Virginia. He grew crops and became a woodsman. He had a gentleman's education by his father and brother. His father died when he was only 11 years old. After his father's death, he went to live with his half brother Lawrence. He never went to college. He was an Episcopalian and served on the vestry in his church. A common myth is people think his teeth were wooden, but they were made out of hippopotamus ivory.

George Washington worked on a plantation with his stepbrother after his father died. He was a surveyor, traveling around Virginia looking at sites and he measured the area of the land. Before he was president, he was in the French and Indian war. He was also the Chief Commander of the Colonial Army during the Revolutionary War. He was most famous for being the first president of the United States of America. He was the only president that did not live in the White House, because it was not built yet.

George Washington was a hero because he was in the Revolutionary War and he was a good first president of the United States of America. He did not want power for himself, but for the people. He said that one person being president too long would let them “let them subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government (Washington's Farewell Address, Sept. 17, 1796).” He also was in charge of the Constitutional Convention when the constitution was written. It describes how the government works and is the highest law.

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