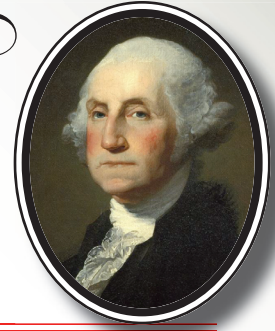


George Washington



Finding the Facts

George Washington is known as the “Father of Our Country.” Read about George Washington to see why he was given this nickname. After you read, complete the sentences.

George Washington was born in Virginia on February 22, 1732. At this time, America was ruled by **England**. When he was a young boy, George had to travel a very long distance to get to school. To get to his first school, George had to walk seven miles each way. George studied hard and became a surveyor. A **surveyor** is someone who measures land and makes maps. George Washington’s home was a farm called **Mount Vernon**. As an adult, he married a woman named **Martha Custis**. Martha had two children, and George helped raise them. At this time, there were a lot of people living in America who did not want America to be part of England anymore. George Washington was chosen to be the **Commander in Chief of the American army**. He fought in the Revolutionary War so that America could be a separate country. After a long and difficult fight, America won the war and gained its independence from England. It became the United States of America, and George Washington was elected as the first president in 1789. At that time, the capital of the United States was New York. The capital later became Washington, D.C., named for George Washington.



- 1) When George Washington was born, America was ruled by _____ .
- 2) George Washington’s first job was as a surveyor. A surveyor is someone who _____ .
- 3) George Washington’s home was called _____ .
- 4) Martha Custis was the _____ of George Washington.
- 5) George Washington was the Commander in Chief of the _____ army.