

# Valley Forge

Valley Forge is the site of the Continental Army's camp during the winter of 1777 during the American Revolution. Armies often sought out places to camp for winter since back then it was hard to fight under snowy conditions. General George Washington needed a secure location for his troops to stay that winter, and chose Valley Forge. His soldiers' time at Valley Forge is often considered the turning point of the Revolutionary War. While they stayed at the camp, they were trained by a former Prussian officer named Friedrich von Steuben, who helped them leave the camp in the summer with new fighting techniques that helped them win the war and American's independence.



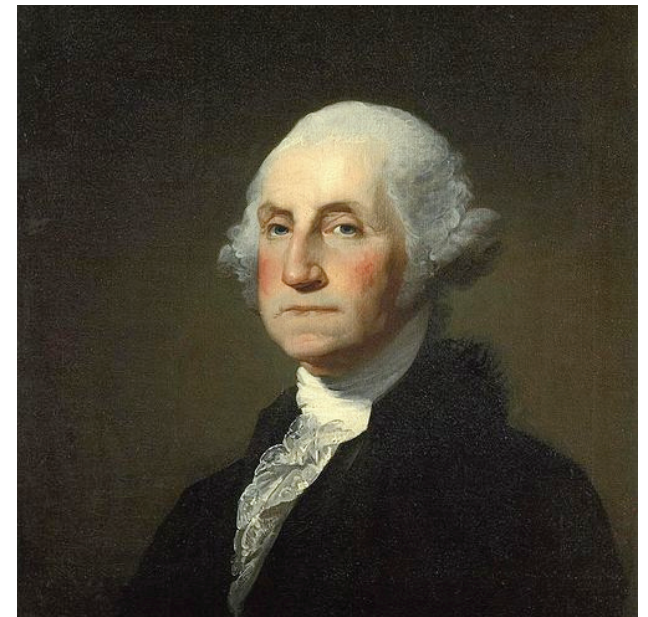
*"Main Headquarters" at Valley Forge*

**Answer the question below on a separate piece of paper.**

1. The soldiers at Valley Forge are often thought of as having endured harsh conditions during their time there. This is true, but it wasn't just at Valley Forge where they faced hardships – back then, soldiers had to make do with very little clothing, food, and supplies all throughout the war. Do you think you would have been a good soldier in the Continental Army? What would you have done to get by with so little?



*Statue of Von Steuben at Valley Forge*



*Portrait of George Washington*