

# GEORGE WASHINGTON

February 22, 1732 – December 14, 1799



*George Washington (1732-1799) was the first President of the United States of America. His Vice-President was John Adams (1735-1826), who was later voted the second President of the USA.*



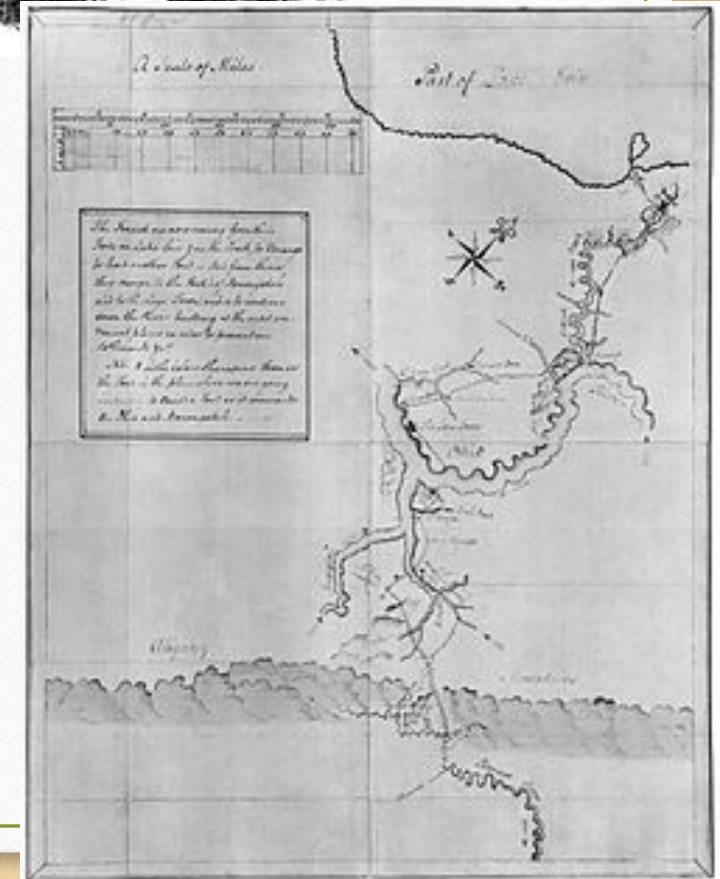
# Early

# Life

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, in Virginia. Washington's father died when George was 11 years old.

## French and Indian War

As a young man, Washington joined the Virginia militia. After many heroic battles, Washington became a colonel and the leader of Virginia's militia. The British eventually won the French and Indian War.



## Marriage

*Washington married Martha Custis in 1759. Martha was a rich widow who had two children, Martha and John. Their home in Virginia was called Mt. Vernon. George and Martha did not have children together.*





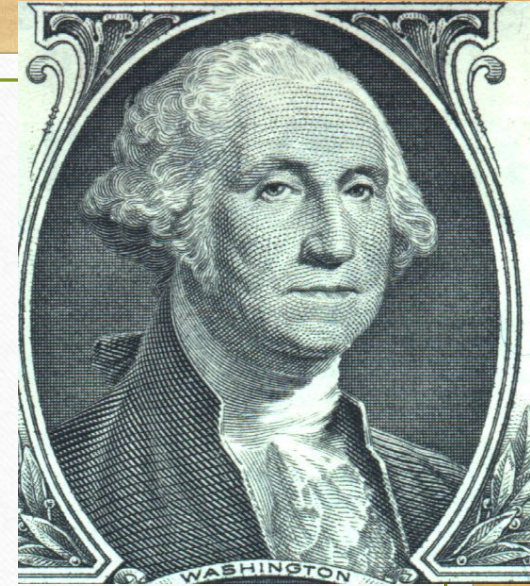
## *A Start in Politics*

*In 1758, Washington was elected to the House of Burgesses in Virginia (the local governing body of Virginia).*

## *Revolutionary War*

*In 1775, Washington was chosen as the Commander in Chief of the Colonial Army. In 1776, the Colonists declared their independence from the British.*

*Due to the brilliant planning of George Washington and some help from the French late in the War, the British were defeated in 1781 after many bloody battles. The Americans were now independent of the British.*



## *The US Constitution*

*In 1787 Washington presided over the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during which the US Constitution was written.*

*The US Constitution outlined a representative government with checks and balances among three branches of government : the Executive (the President), the Legislative Branch (law makers), and the Judicial Branch (judges and courts). The Constitution was ratified in 1788 -- it went into effect in 1789. The next step was to set up this new, revolutionary form of government.*



## President of the

US Washington was unanimously elected President of the United States of America by electors in early 1789 and again in 1792. John Adams was his vice-president. Washington's first inauguration took place in New York. Washington's second inauguration took place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Washington refused a third Presidential term, saying in his farewell speech that a longer rule would give one man too much power. Washington died on December 14, 1799. After his death, the nation's capital was moved from Philadelphia to a location on the border of Virginia and Maryland near Washington's home, and was named Washington, District of Columbia in his honor.



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