

GEORGE WASHINGTON Reading Comprehension

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, although he grew up near Fredericksburg. In his childhood and adolescence, he studied math and surveying. When he was 16, he went to live with his brother, Lawrence, in Mount Vernon.

George was scarred with smallpox before the age of 20 but inherited his brother's land (including Mount Vernon) when Lawrence died in 1752.

Washington's military career began in 1753, when he was sent into Ohio country. In 1754, he battled the French and was forced to surrender Fort Necessity (near present-day Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania). He continued as an officer in Ohio country and served under the British general Edward Braddock when their army was ambushed by the French in 1755. Once again, Washington tasted defeat after their surrender of Fort Duquesne to French forces. Washington helped take Fort Duquesne back in 1758.

Washington was married to Martha Custis in 1759. Washington managed the family and estate until he took command of the Virginia troops just before the American Revolution. He was made commander of the Continental Army on June 15, 1775.

Washington proved himself an excellent leader and won several decisive battles during the Revolution. As an advocate of a federal government, Washington became chairman of the Constitutional Convention and helped in getting the Constitution ratified. In 1789, he was inaugurated as America's first president.

Washington was re-elected in 1792, but refused a third term. On December 14, 1799, 17 days before the new century, Washington died of acute laryngitis.

1.) When was George Washington born?

- a.) after February 24
- b.) before February 20
- c.) after February 26
- d.) before February 23

2.) George Washington couldn't be scarred with smallpox at which age?

- a.) 16
- b.) 17
- c.) 19
- d.) 21

3.) In which of the following years was George Washington successful in battle?

- a.) 1750
- b.) 1753
- c.) 1758
- d.) 1755

4.) George Washington married Martha _____.

5.) What happened first?

- a.) George Washington inherited his brother's land.
- b.) Washington's military career began.
- c.) Washington was married.
- d.) He went to live with Lawrence.

6.) What does advocate mean?

- a.) opponent
- b.) supporter
- c.) creator
- d.) player

7.) Which of the following was George Washington not involved in?

- a.) Surrender of Fort Duquense
- b.) Constitutional Convention
- c.) Revolutionary War
- d.) Boston Tea Party

8.) Washington became chairman of what?

- a.) Constitutional Convention
- b.) American Revolution
- c.) Virginia
- d.) French forces

9.) What happened last?

- a.) Washington was inaugurated as first president.
- b.) Washington refused a third term.
- c.) 1794
- d.) The new century

10.) Which of the following is not true?

- a.) Washington was an excellent leader.
- b.) Washington won several decisive battles during the American Revolution.
- c.) Washington died after the new century.
- d.) Washington died before the new century.