

George Washington

Facts, Firsts and Onlys



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George Washington was uncommonly tall at 6'3" - about 8" taller than average.

Although it was fashionable at the time, Washington did not wear a wig. Instead, he kept his hair long and pulled back, and powdered it as he got older.

He loved to dress well, and designed the uniforms of the Virginia militia in the 1750s.

George Washington loved horses and was an excellent rider.



George Washington started losing his teeth when he was in his twenties. His false teeth weren't made of wood, but were a combination of human teeth, elephant ivory and walrus tusk.

Perhaps relating to the teeth problem, George Washington loved ice cream.



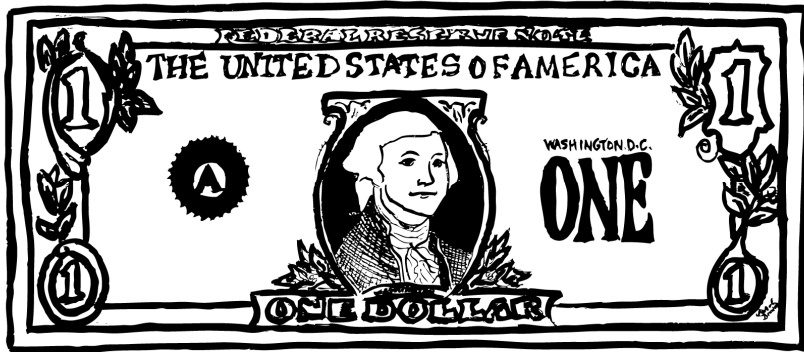
George Washington possessed solid judgment and common sense. He thought through decisions carefully, weighing the opinions of others as well as his own.

Washington was known for his courage and perseverance, especially in his military posts.

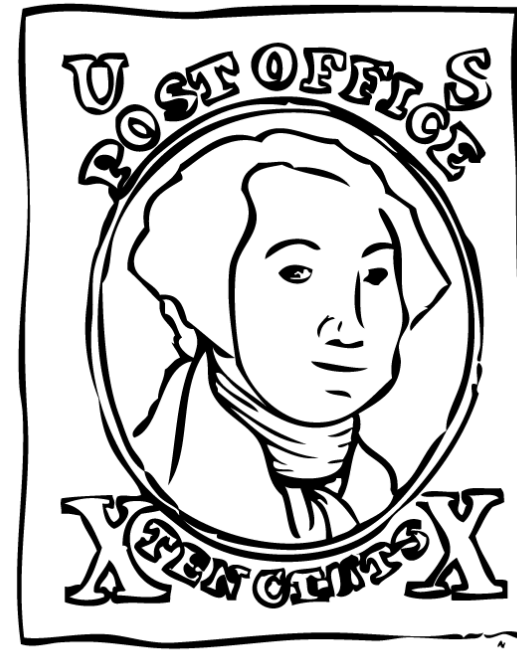


Because of his father's death when George was 11, he wasn't able to continue formal education and never attended college.

George Washington never had his own children, but raised his wife's two children.



George Washington is on the quarter and dollar bill.



George Washington Got To Be First!

Because he helped start the United States of America, George Washington got to be first in many areas.

Washington is known as the:

- First President of the United States
- First president to be on a postage stamp
- First Mason to serve as President
- First to establish one of the first free schools in the Colonies

Only George Washington!

Not only did *George Washington* get to be first, he also has the privilege of being the "Only" in many areas, too!

He was the:

- Only President to be elected unanimously
- Only President who did not represent a political party
- Only President to be inaugurated in two cities (New York and Philadelphia)
- Only President who did not live in the White House, and the
- Only Founding Father to free his slaves

