

George Washington — The First President of the USA

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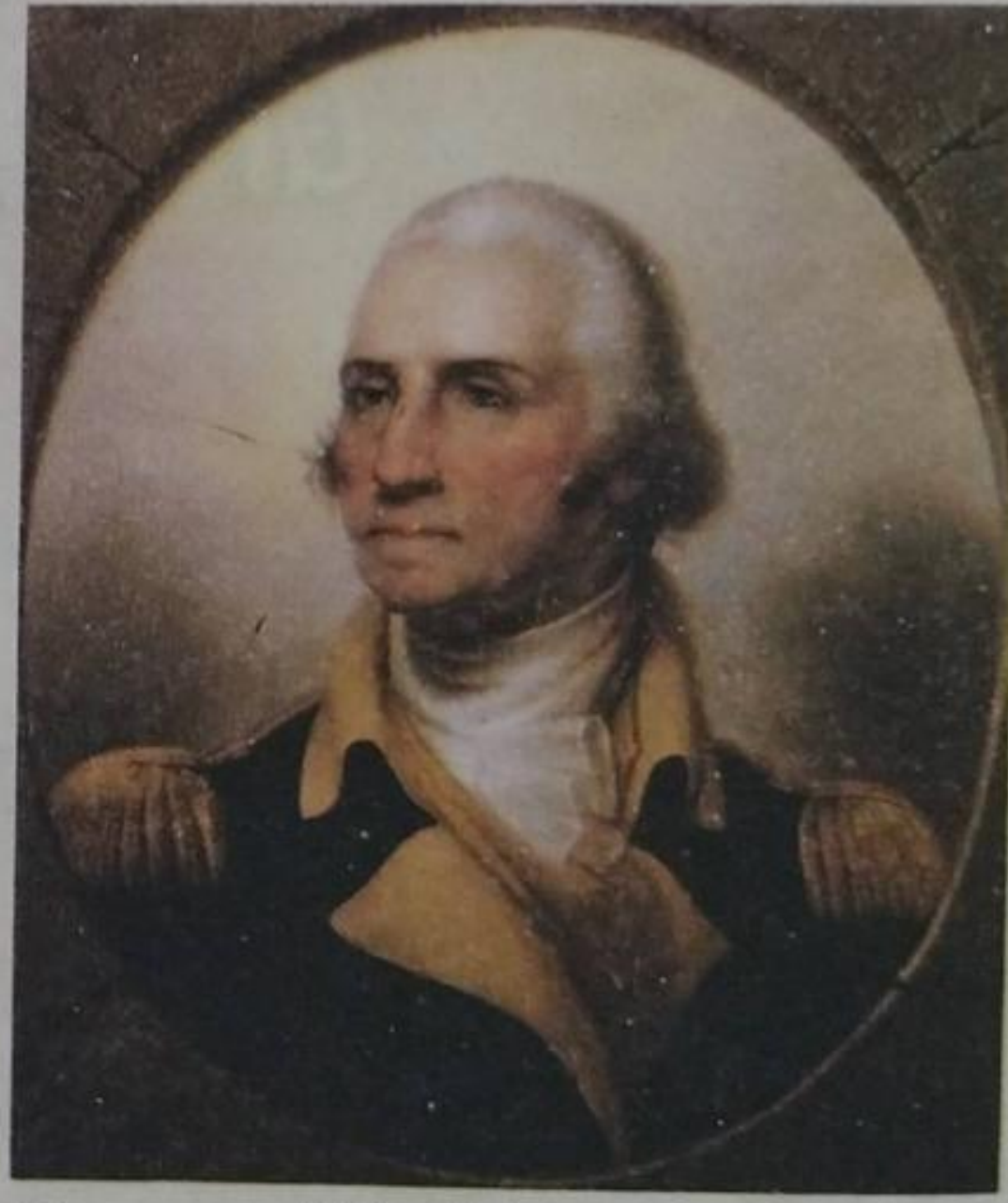


George Washington was born in Virginia, United States of America (USA), in 1732.

He became the **First President of the United States of America in 1793**. His father was Augustine Washington. Although not much is known about Washington's childhood, but it is evident that he came from a wealthy background. He belonged to one of those families that had migrated to this *New World* in the 17th–18th centuries.

He spent most of his youth on **Ferry Farm**, a plantation on the Rappahannock river in Virginia. His father died when he was only 11 years old. In 1752 he inherited Mount Vernon. It was only after his marriage to a wealthy widow Martha that he was able to rise to the higher sections of society.

Washington was not formally educated. However, at the age of 17, he became the **surveyor** on the **Virginia frontier**.



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The Beginning of a Military Career

In 1753, France and Britain were fighting for control of a vast area known as the **Ohio Territory**. In the late autumn of 1753, Washington volunteered to undertake a dangerous mission to deliver an *ultimatum* to the French to withdraw from that region.

In 1755, Washington accompanied British Major General Edward Braddock on a mission to drive the French from the Ohio valley once and for all. But in a surprise attack, the French and Red Indian forces killed Braddock and most of his officers. Braving



the enemies, Washington rescued the remaining British troops and led them to safety. Word of his heroism spread, and he was placed in charge of all Virginia forces. In 1758, he resigned and returned to Mount Vernon and married a rich widow, Martha Custis.)

CHAPTER: George Washington - The First President of the USA.

Q-1 - When and where was George Washington born?

Q-2 - When did he become the President of the USA?

Q-3 - What was George Washington's father's name?

Q-4 - Where did George Washington spend his childhood?

Q-5 - Was he formally educated? How did he start his career?

Q-6 - The beginning of a Military Career
Which two countries were fighting during 1753 to get control over Ohio Territory?

Q-7 - What role did Washington play in this fight?

Q-8 - When did Washington accompany to drive the French from the Ohio valley?

Q-9 - Narrate briefly and say why Washington was placed in charge of all Virginia Forces.

Q-10 - When did Washington resign from the army?

WRITE DOWN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING YEARS:

a. 1732

b. 1752

c. 1753

d. 1755

e. 1758

f. 1793