



1. A gathering of Officers led by General Gates met secretly to discuss their displeasure with not receiving pay for two years from their service during the war for Independence. General
2. Washington dropped in to one of these meetings unannounced because there was a threat of a coup.
3. When he brought out a letter to read he did and said something that brought his men to tears. Describe the scene. After putting on a pair of glasses He said "I have grown gray in the service of my country. Now I find I am going blind.
4. Washington told his men He was loyal to the last drop of his blood, to this Congress to this Government and to this Republic, and YOU should be too!
5. Evacuation Day, New York City, November 25, 1783: 7 years after his retreat from Manhattan Washington rides triumphantly back into the city. The liberation of Manhattan was the Cap stone of the Revolutionary War. This was a relief and exhilaration because the American people had suffered for so long. They celebrated at night with what? Fireworks.
6. A week later at Fraunce's tavern Washington says goodbye to his Officers in a very emotional meeting. This Tavern was what during the War. Washingtons HQ
7. In late December of 1783 Washington rides to Annapolis Maryland to do what? He is going to offer his resignation as the Commander of the Continental Army

8. The land he rode on to get to Annapolis was where he had fought the war. Every town greeted their hero and organized balls for the General. He made it a point to do what?

He danced with all the ladies at each event.

9. December 23, 1783 Washington at Annapolis eager to return to Mt. Vernon by Christmas.

He was compelled to perform one last act for his country. He resigns from his position as commander of the Continental Army. He could have been Monarch

10. When Washington resigned he gave command of the army back to the people. Who said "That makes him the greatest man in the world?" King George this act made America different

11. He arrives at Mt. Vernon on Christmas Eve, thinking he would never be in service to his country as a public official.

12. He is persuaded to attend the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787.

13. They begged him to preside over the Convention. He said he would do it but only if what happened? They must succeed!

14. The founders understood the importance of the Constitution. It was a Blue Print for a system of government to create a country unique in human history, a great experiment in human liberty.

15. There is something very deep in learning about the people who founded our country. They imprinted our DNA. They are the ones who said here are our values.

16. We have become the greatest Republic in the history of the earth because of the values they imparted to us.

17. The framers understood there were big holes left in this charter. They were:

A. What do they do about slavery?

B. What do they do about balance between the federal government and the states

18. Washington inherited slaves when he was a child upon his father's death. Over the years in the Revolution Washington changed his views on the issue. He sees blacks fighting in the Army and he has his closest confidant, his valet Billy Lee was at his side all through the war. Washington comes to realize that slavery as an institution was incompatible with the ideals the Revolution was based upon.

19. Washington felt the only way to end slavery was gradual emancipation. He knew from listening in the Convention, if you raise the issue frontally, it means what?

end of the union

20. He felt they needed to form the Republic, then try to gradually abolish Slavery

21. Washington is the only one of the Virginia dynasty that does what?

Frees his slaves in his will

22. After the convention Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and

John Jay

help get the Constitution ratified through a series of beautifully written essays anonymously published called the Federalist Papers.

23. Per the Constitution a President is elected. Who was unanimously voted in as America's first President? George Washington

24. On April 30, 1789 George Washington was sworn in at Federal Hall in

New York City.

25. Washington knew he would set precedence for future Presidents. He had a desire about establishing the US Capitol. He wanted it between what two states? Maryland and Virginia

What was the Capitol called? Washington D.C. District of Columbia

Why was it located here? Centrally located in the center of the 13 states.

26. John Adams felt the President was to be addressed as "Your Highness." Washington felt that this echoed European royalty. He suggested being called Mr. President

27. Washington realized there were those who wanted a President for life. He serves a 4 year

term and reluctantly serves another. Fighting breaks out between Alexander Hamilton in the

Federalist Party

and Thomas Jefferson in the

Democratic Republican Party

which threatens the future of the

country.

28. During his eight years as President Washington shapes the very institutions that make us America. He establishes the United States Navy, the State Department and the

Supreme Court.

29. Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of Treasurer establishes what? A federal banking system to handle national debt.

30. Washington sets another precedent. When offered a third term he does what during his Farewell Address Refused to serve a third term

31. In his Farewell Address he warns about what? Factions and Political Parties

His concern was those that put their personal interests ahead of the Nations

32. He writes "Of all the dispensations that lead to political prosperity religion and morality are indispensable supports.

33. He helps establish the American view of religious tolerance. He wrote a short but impactful letter to the Jewish congregation at New Port Rhode Island.

He writes " May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy good will of the other inhabitants."

34. Washington was a man who was profoundly convinced the virtue of religious tolerance because it promotes peace, which is what he wanted. He also sees that Religion has a major role to play in the American peoples lives. A Republic is held together by virtue which a Monarchy is held together by corruption and patronage.

35. Washington could find virtue from one source, Religion.

36. Washington spent the last years of his life doing what? Managing Mt Veron.

During the day he was creating new ways to farm including new ways in Crop rotation

37. In the evenings he and Martha entertained an endless stream of visitors

38. On the morning of December 12, 1799 Washington goes out for his daily ride to inspect his Farms. It is freezing and raining.

39. When he arrives home he has visitors. Instead of changing clothes, he keeps on his wet clothing so his visitors do not have to wait.

40. That night Washington falls ill. His throat swells with infection. He endures a three day process of sufficating to death. He had been bled by his doctors.

41. He had made two wills which he asked to be brought to him. He tore one up and kept one. The one he kept did what? Freed his slaves.

42. In the end he said what before he died? Tis Well..... He died on December 14, 1799 at age 69. Four days later a memorail is held at Mt. Vernon. Many cities all over the states held memorials for Washington.

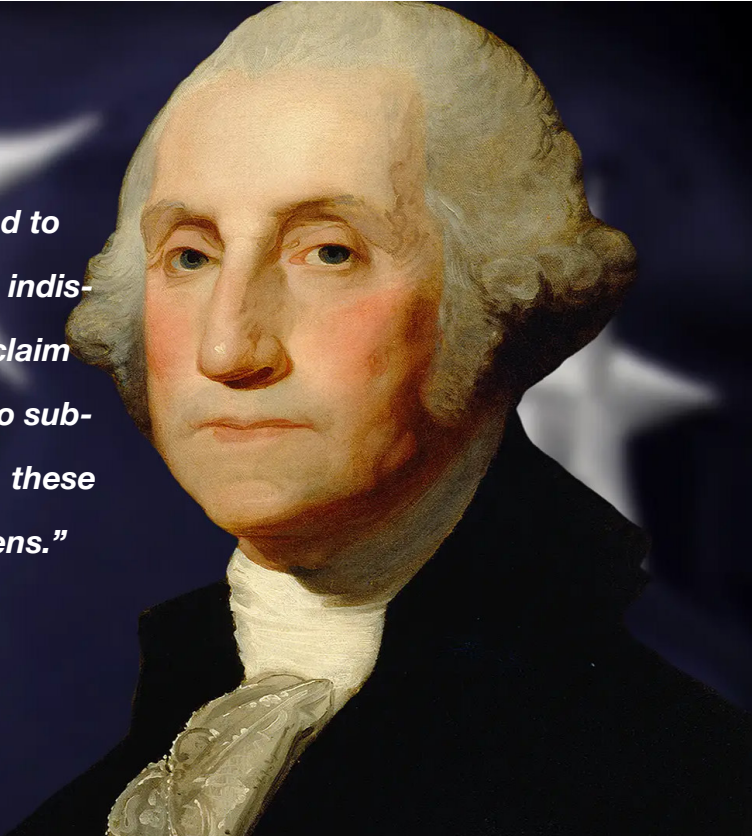
43. If you don't understand George Washington you don't understand what's important about America.

44. It is Washington more than any body else, more than Jefferson, more than Franklin, more than Adams, more than any of the others, who makes the American Experiment a success.

45. Without Washington it is incomprehensible to think of the United States surviving more than a decade or two decades in the environment in which it was born.

46. He is the Father of our Country because in a time when we were being Torn apart and we needed to be led, he held us together with rectitude and his HONOR.

47. It's easy to be smart, it's easy to be clever but what's important you need to be HONOR, and that's what you found in George Washington. **END.**



"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens."

George Washington

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