George Washington Online Reading Assignment

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Using your Chromebook go to: https://www.ushistory.org/us/17.asp

AS YOU READ EACH SECTION, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

1. Who were some of the Founding Fathers listed in this section?

2. In addition to representing the Virginia colony at the First and Second Continental Congress, what else did Washington do to help the colonies to win the American Revolution?

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3. Not much is known about Washington's early childhood. However, we do know that his older half-brother, Lawrence Washington, plays an important role in his life from age 11 onward. Why? Explain.

4. How did George William Fairfax influence George Washington?

5. At the age of 20, what tragedy strikes Washington and his family? How does this impact Washington's educational opportunities?

6. What was the name of the plantation that George Washington inherits from his brother, Lawrence?

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7. As a commander in the Virginia Militia, how did the young George Washington do in the French and Indian War?

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8. Between the time he serves in the Virginia Militia to the time period of the American Revolution, George Washington's status changes immensely. List some of the events that elevates his status in the American Colonies.

9. According to the reading, what was Washington's greatest contribution to the Revolutionary War?

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10. Which three men were asked to serve in George Washington's Cabinet? List what role each played in Washington's Presidency.

11. A split between which two cabinet members over economic policies led to the creation of the first American political parties?

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12. What were some of the key ideas that Washington included in his Farewell Address?

13. How did George Washington feel about political parties?

14. What was George Washington's advice about getting involved in the ongoing European conflict between Britain and France?

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15. There is no doubt that George and Martha Washington benefited financially from the work of their plantation slaves. By 1786, George Washington owned how many slaves? How many acres was his plantation known as Mount Vernon?

16. Initially, George Washington opposed granting freedom to slaves who fought in the Revolutionary Army. This overturned a policy that existed in the New England militias who had promised freedom to slaves who joined their militias. What practice by the British Army changed Washington's mind on this issue? How was he personally impacted by this British policy?

17. In his personal will, Washington ordered the freeing of his slaves, but only after the death of _____.

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