

A Picture Book of George Washington was written by David Adler, John Wallner, and Alexandra Wallner. This comprehension packet includes using picture clues, comprehension questions including main idea, multiple choice questions, fill in the blank, and a crossword puzzle. A key is also included for this story.

A Picture Book of George Washington (M)

Look at the picture on the first two pages of the book. What can you tell about the area where George Washington grew up?

What are some things he may have done as a child?

Read the first two pages of the book.

When was George Washington born? _____

In which state was he born? _____

What is the main idea on the second page? (What is the author mostly writing about?)

- a. George Washington rode horses when he was boy.
- b. George Washington like to fish and hunt.
- c. George Washington like to boat and watch ships.
- d. Things George Washington like to do when he was young.

Read next two pages.

How did George learn to read and write in school?

George's favorite subject was _____.

Read the next page.

What did George have to do when his father died?

George used surveying tools on the farm. What did these tools help him to do?

Read the next page (George working in an office)

What job did George get when he was sixteen?

Read the next two pages (soldiers fighting)

Which war did George Washington fight in?

George had a reputation for being brave and a good leader. What does reputation mean?

- a. to be bad at
- b. to be known for
- c. to have a bad illness
- d. to be responsible for

What do you have a reputation for?

Read the next page (a carriage and an house)

What is the main idea of this paragraph?

- a. George is twenty-six years old.
- b. George falls in love.
- c. George gets married and moves to Mt. Vernon
- d. Mt. Vernon is in Virginia

Read the next page (ships)

Why did King George III of England tax the American colonies

What is a tax?

Why did the American colonists dump tea into Boston harbor?

What do you think a harbor is?

Read the next two pages (soldiers outside)

When did the American colonies and England start fighting?

What job did George Washington have during the war?

Explain the problem that the soldiers had.

Read the next page (people cheering)

Why are the people cheering in this picture?

Read the next page (George and leaders)

The thirteen colonies became the first thirteen _____.

George was elected the first _____ of the United States of America in 1789.

He was reelected in the year _____.

What does "re" in reelected mean? _____.

Read the next page (George on horse)

Name two things that George did while he was president.

Read the next page

What did George do after eight years as president?

Read next page (George on white horse)

Why do you think the capital city of the United States was named after George Washington?

Read next page (George holding hat)

When did George Washington die?

Do you know which U.S. coin had a picture of George Washington on it?

Write a summary of this book below. Begin with the main idea and then add details.

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Answers vary. By water. Small home. Rural area. Sailing.

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Fished, Sailed, Grew Flowers

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How did George learn to read and write in school?

He practiced handwriting by copying lists of rules such as "Keep your fingers clean" and "think before you speak".

Look at the pictures. What kind of student do you think George was? Why do you think this?

Answers vary.

George's favorite subject was arithmetic.

Read the next page.

What did George have to do when his father died?

George had to help his mother run their farm and watch his younger sister and brothers.

Read the next page (George working in an office)

What job did George get when he was sixteen?

Surveying land in the Virginia wilderness.

Read the next two pages (soldiers fighting)

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French and Indian War

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King George II taxed the colonists to help pay the cost of the war.

What is a tax?
A charge or fee to help support the government.

Why did the American colonists dump tea into Boston harbor?
So they wouldn't have to pay tax on the tea.

What do you think a harbor is?
Answers vary.
Area of water where ships dock.

Read the next two pages (soldiers outside)

When did the American colonies and England start fighting?
April 1775

What job did George Washington have during the war?
He was the leader of the Continental Army.

Explain the problem that the soldiers had.
There were not enough uniforms, food, blankets, or guns.

Read the next page (people cheering)

Why are the people cheering in this picture?

The colonies won the war.

Read the next page (George and leaders)

The thirteen colonies became the first thirteen **states**.

George was elected the first **president** of the United States of America in 1789.

He was reelected in the year **1792**.

What does “re” in reelected mean? **again**.

Read the next page (George on horse)

Name two things that George did while he was president.

Signed treaties with the Indians, Spain, and England

Kept the United States out of war with Europe.

Forced farmers to obey the law.

Read the next page

What did George do after eight years as president?

Returned to Mt. Vernon and rode across his farm on horseback every morning.

Read next page (George on white horse)

Why do you think the capital city of the United States was named after George Washington?

He was the first president and did great things for the United States.

Read next page (George holding hat)

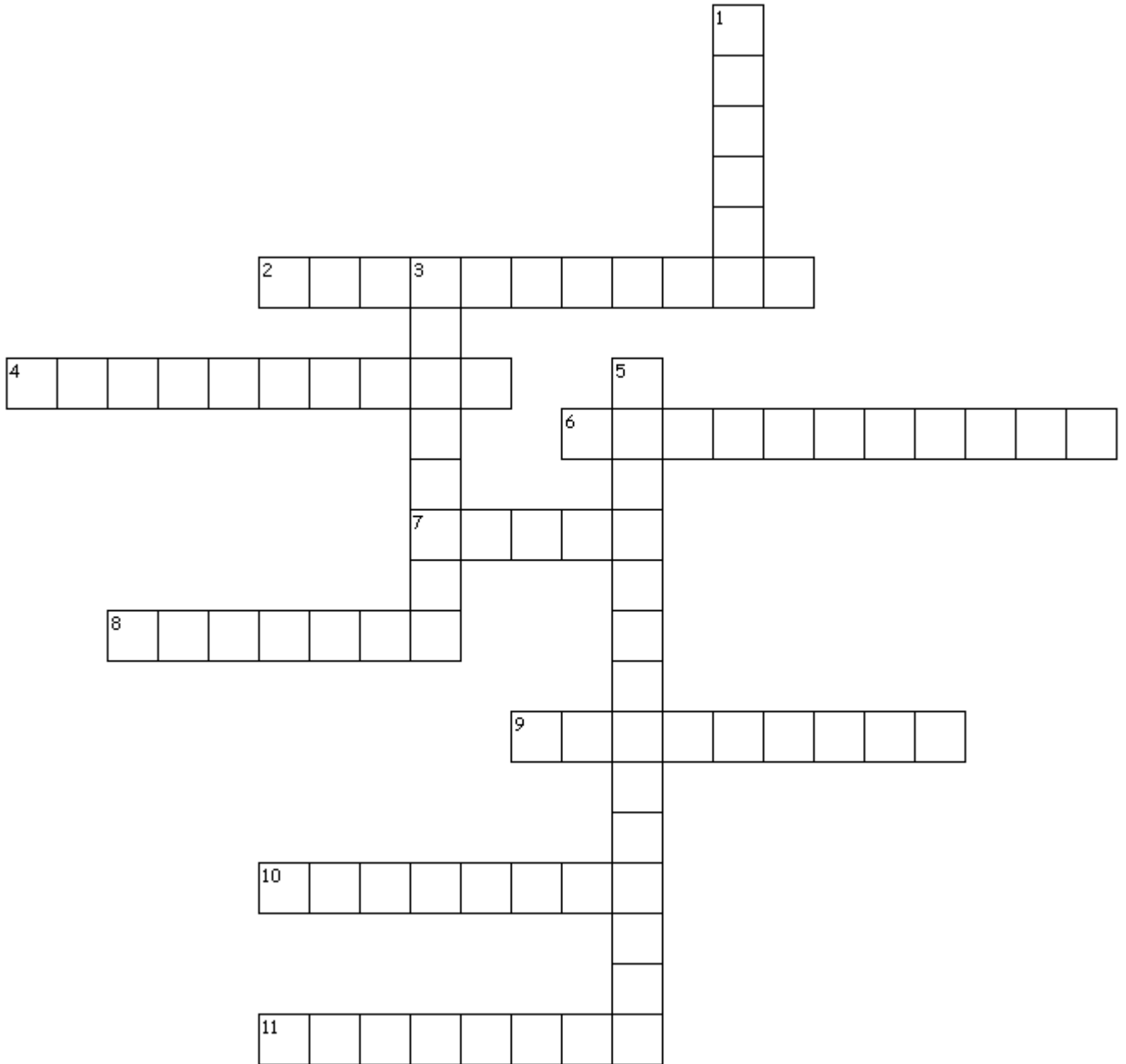
When did George Washington die?

December 14, 1799

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Nickel

George Washington



Across

2. army that Washington led
4. Washington's favorite subject
6. George's home
7. how many years the war lasted
8. George's age when he a job
9. George was the first in the U.S.
10. where Washington was born
11. month Washington was born

Down

1. George's wife's name
3. number of original colonies
5. colonists dump tea into the harbor