

George Washington (1732-1799)

He was the first President of the United States. He became President in 1789, eight years after the American War of Independence.

His early life

George was born in Virginia. His family owned a big farm and had slaves. George didn't have much education. During his life he had three jobs: he was a farmer, a soldier and a politician. He loved the life of a farmer. He grew tobacco and owned horses. He worked hard but he also liked dancing and going to the theatre. In 1759 he married a widow called Martha Custis. They were happy together, but didn't have any children.

His later life

He was Commander-in-Chief of the army and fought the British in the War of Independence. When the war ended in 1781 he was happy to go back to the farm, but his country wanted him to be President, and gave his name to the new capital city. He started the building of the White House, but he never lived in it. By 1797 he was tired of politics. He went back to his farm and died there two years later.

Comprehension

I- Are the following sentences True or False. (4pts)

1. George Washington came from a rich family.
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2. He loved being a politician.
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3. He had a good education.
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4. He was tired of politics and resigned.
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II- Answer the following questions about George Washington. (4pts)

1. How many jobs did he have?
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2. Did George and Martha have any children?
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3. What did he build?
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4. How long was he President of the United States?

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Grammar

I- Complete the sentences with: *must, mustn't* or *don't have to*. (3pts)

- 1. Iget up at six thirty on weekdays to be at school by eight.
- 2. Youget up early tomorrow. It's a holiday.
- 3. Webe late for school.

II- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the Past Simple. Use the verbs in brackets. (3pts)

- 1.(she / meet) her best friend when they were in primary school?
- 2. Peter(not / remember) Terry, so I introduced him again.
- 3. My friends(organise) a surprise party for me.

III- Give the Past Simple of the following verbs. (2pts)

<i>VERBS</i>	<i>THE PAST SIMPLE</i>
- Understand	-
- Drive	-
- Forget	-
- Give	-

Writing

Write a paragraph about a trip you went on recently. (4pts)

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