

Week 1

The Presidency

Lesson 1

Write the definitions from the glossary for the following vocabulary terms.

1. elected

2. election

Read the following text for good understanding.



Presidential Seal

The most powerful person in the world today is the President of the United States of America. It is the most powerful job anyone has ever held. Being the President is very hard.

This year we will learn about the 44 Presidents of the United States since 1789. They have been very different. Some of the Presidents have been young. Some have

been older. Some of the Presidents were rich. Some were from poor families.

Some of the Presidents loved the job. Some did not like it. The President must make many hard choices. It is difficult to digest all of the information needed to make wise choices. Being President can be very lonely. Some were glad when they were done.

None of our Presidents have been perfect. Everyone makes mistakes. Some were good Presidents. Others were not. Some lived lives that no one should copy. Some trusted the Lord Jesus and loved the Bible. Others ignored it completely.

The President is **elected** (chosen) by the people. A President has to be at least 35 years old. The President must be born in this country. The President must have lived here 14 years and be a citizen of the United States.

The time when people choose a President is called an **election**.

A Presidential election takes place every four years.

It is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November. The polls open very early in the morning. Voters can still vote until late in the evening.

Lesson 2

Matching.

- _____ 1. chosen by the people who vote A. election
- _____ 2. the time the people who vote choose the President B. elected

True or False.

- _____ 3. The most powerful person in the world is the General.
- _____ 4. All of the Presidents loved being the President.
- _____ 5. The President will remain President until he no longer wants to be the President.
- _____ 6. The President is elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November.

| WORD BOX | | | |
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| 44 | people | President | |
| perfect | four | | |

Word Box: Fill in the blanks using words from the Word Box.

7. The most powerful person in the world today is the _____ of the United States of America.
8. There have been _____ Presidents of the United States.
9. None of our Presidents have been _____.
10. The President is elected by the _____.
11. The elections take place every _____ years.

Week 2

The 1st President: George Washington

Lesson 1

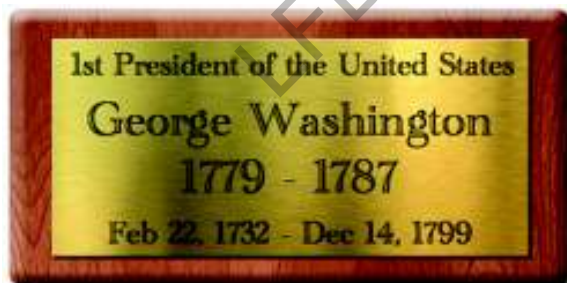
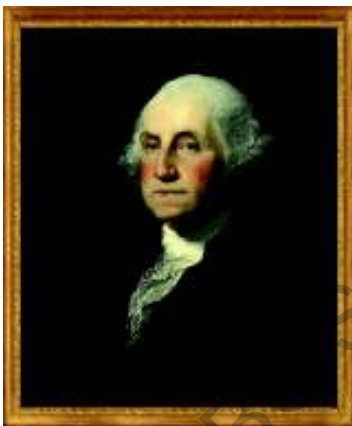
Write the definitions from the glossary for the following vocabulary terms.

1. plantation

2. Constitution

3. widow

Read the following text for good understanding.



Heritage

George Washington's great-grandparents came to Virginia from England. They had owned a lot of land in England. They soon became large landowners in Virginia.

Background

George Washington began school at age six. He was a good student. He always had trouble with spelling (even after he was President). He was very good at math. He spent a lot of time hunting, fishing, riding horses, and playing in the woods.

As a soldier he fought the Indians and the French.

He later was the Commanding General of the new Army in the War for Independence. After the war, George returned to Mt. Vernon to farm. He raised lambs into sheep for their wool. He loved dogs. He owned a Newfoundland, Dalmatians, Spaniels, and Terriers. Terrier dogs were useful on the Mt. Vernon **plantation**. They hunted and killed rats.

He helped set up the new government. George Washington helped to write our **Constitution**.

Family

George Washington married Martha Custis. She was a young **widow** with four children. He loved them dearly.

Lesson 2

Matching.

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| _____ 1. | spelling | A. | George Washington was good in this subject. |
| _____ 2. | math | B. | Washington was not good in this subject. |
| _____ 3. | Indians and the French | C. | Washington fought these groups in battle |
| _____ 4. | George Washington | D. | George Washington's wife |
| _____ 5. | Constitution | E. | Washington helped to write this. |
| _____ 6. | Martha Custis | F. | was our Commanding General of the new Army in the War for Independence. |

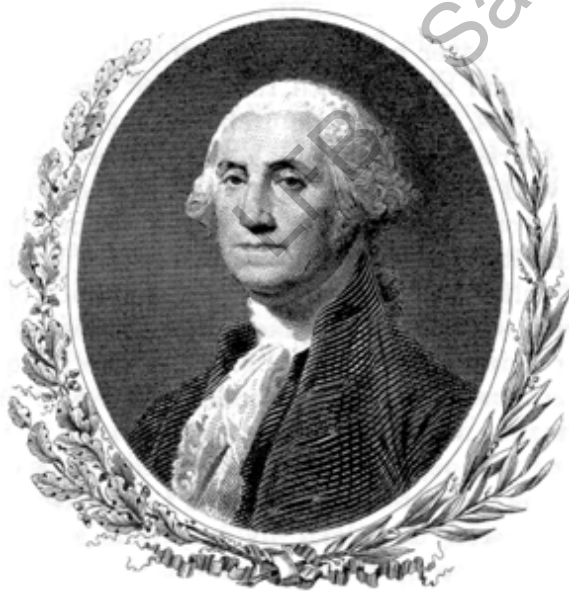
True or False.

- _____ 7. George Washington was born on February 22, 1732.
- _____ 8. George Washington was a good student.

Lesson 3

Read the following text for good understanding.

As President



President Washington

Every one chose George Washington to be our first leader. No one voted against him.

He was very popular. They did not know what to call him. At last they decided on the title "President." When speaking to the President, people say, "Mr. President."

President George Washington did many things to help the new nation. He was honest and a good leader. He was a good example for later Presidents. He helped America deal with the other countries.

He was re-elected for a second term. The people wanted him to run for a third term. He told everyone that eight years was long enough as the President.

Afterwards

George Washington retired and lived on his beautiful plantation home at Mt. Vernon, Virginia. It had been left to his mother when George's older brother, Laurence, died. George named it Mt. Vernon. Today, over one million people visit Mt. Vernon each year to learn about the man who was our first President. He is remembered by this