

George Washington

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Purpose of Project

- * The purpose of this project was to show an understanding of things that are not talked about as much and to show that there is more than one side of the story to a person or event that occurred.

Basic Info

Death: December 14, 1799

Term of Office: April 30, 1789-March 3, 1797

Number of Terms Elected: 2 Terms

Nickname: "Father of Our Country"

George Washington Quote: "I walk on untrodden ground. There is scarcely any part of my conduct which may not hereafter be drawn into precedent."

Birth: Feb 22, 1732

Pros

- * Managed to keep 13 quarreling States together for 8 difficult years
- * In his key role as the setter of precedent, he managed to strike the perfect balance: He was neither a dictator, nor a cipher, but the strong republican leader that the times--and constitutional balance--demanded.
- * Under Washington, financial chaos gave way to a thriving, national economy that ultimately benefited all citizens and strengthened the nation as a whole.
- * Without General Washington at its head it could never have succeeded. His faith in the cause and his devotion to the ideals it embodied made him the symbol of America — the spirit of the Revolution.

Cons

- * Washington was unduly obsessed with presidential prerogatives and the dignity of his office
- * His mobilization of an elaborate army of 15,000 men to subdue a mere handful of frontier rioters was an unnecessary show of force that reflects the basically authoritarian side of Washington's nature.
- * Not only did Washington fail to lend support to the new republican forces in France, but gradually allowed U.S. policy to drift in a pro-British direction.
- * He stipulated that those slaves he owned were to be freed, but only after the deaths of both himself and his wife.
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