



Mount Vernon Washington, D.C.

Introduction and Instructions

The land that Mount Vernon occupies was first owned by the Washington family as early as the 1670s. Expanded upon and passed down through generations of the family, it is most famous as the house and plantation of George Washington. Today, you can see it restored in all its glory on the banks of the Potomac River, across from Washington, D.C. In addition to any prior knowledge you may have, use your research skills and the resources provided here to answer the questions below.



Learn more about the remarkable life of George Washington.

READ: <https://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/biography/>

1. Where did George Washington spend his childhood years?



Learn how Washington's formative experiences as a child shaped the person he would become.


READ: <https://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/washingtons-youth/>

2. What was the myth of the cherry tree and why was it possibly created?

3. How did Washington become a surveyor?

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4. Explain Washington's role in the French and Indian War.

 Our nation's first Commander in Chief had an illustrious military career, even before the Revolution. Learn about it here.
WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0XKw3SgSHo>

5. Summarize what you learned about Washington's leadership during the Revolutionary War.

6. Return to the Mount Vernon website. What did George Washington do after the Revolutionary War was over?

7. Why did Washington return to serving the public in Philadelphia in 1787? What new role was he given?

8. Hoping to retire again, what happened after the Constitution was approved?

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Washington's back porch was the envy of all colonial Virginians. What else is notable about the house?
READ: <https://www.mountvernon.org/the-estate-gardens/the-mansion/ten-facts-about-the-mansion/>

9. Pick two of the facts and summarize what you have learned.



Explore the grounds of Mount Vernon and go inside the house.
EXPLORE: <http://www.mountvernon.org/site/virtual-tour/>

10. Name three places from the tour that you are interested in seeing when you visit Mount Vernon. Why are you interested in these chosen aspects of Washington's home? Explain your answer.



Along with the mansion and the grounds, Mount Vernon also has a museum and education center. There you will find various films and galleries. Explore some of them now!
EXPLORE: <https://www.mountvernon.org/the-estate-gardens/museum/galleries/education-center-galleries/>

11. Explore one of the galleries online and summarize what you will see there.



It is your turn to be George Washington. Play the online version of the interactive theater that you will also have the opportunity to play at the Mount Vernon Education Center.
PLAY: <http://www.mountvernon.org/site/bewashington/#play>

12. What scenario did you play? What did you learn from the game?

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WHAT DO YOU THINK? *This is your chance to share your opinions, make connections, and apply what you've learned!*



Check out this website that list the 10 Major Accomplishments of George Washington.
READ: <https://learnodo-newtonic.com/george-washington-accomplishments>

1. What do you think were Washington's top three accomplishments and why?



George Washington's farewell address has been said, by many, to be a strong statement of America's political purpose. It was read annually in Congress on his birthday until the 1970s. Read this contemporary synopsis of his farewell address. It has been divided into nine parts.
READ: <https://providenceforum.org/story/washington-farewell-address/>

2. Choose two sections and summarize the paragraphs addressed. Explain how Washington's words are still relevant today.



Explore this site that explains how Mount Vernon was preserved.
EXPLORE: <https://www.mountvernon.org/preservation/>

3. What were some of the steps taken to preserve Mount Vernon? Why is preserving sites like Mount Vernon important for Americans today?