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The New Nation through the Eyes of George Washington

Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about George Washington? With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources to help answer your questions. Write a paragraph about what you learned.



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Say What?

Studying George Washington's presidency can mean learning many new vocabulary words. Find five words in this book you have never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.



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Take a Stand

Washington was not in favor of political parties. He felt Americans should be able to work together for the good of the nation. Parties, he warned, might put their interests above those of the people. Today the United States has a two-party system. Do you think there are benefits to having two parties? Do you think having one party or three or more parties would be better? Why?



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You Are There

This book discusses how farmers rebelled against Washington's 1791 tax on alcohol. Imagine you are accompanying the president to confront the armed rebels. Write a letter home telling your parents about your experience. What do you notice about the rebels? Be sure to add plenty of detail to your notes.



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