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George Washington

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We call George Washington the "Father of our Country." He was the first president of the United States. He also served as the lead general in the Revolutionary War. Every Presidents' Day, we remember him as America's first great leader.

Washington was born on February 22, 1732 in Virginia. He had little schooling, but taught himself many important skills. As a young man, he became a soldier and fought for the British in the French and Indian War.

Later, ruling its America was and returned to his farm in Virginia.



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But the new country struggled. It needed a better structure for its government. In 1787, Washington helped head up the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. That is where the U.S. Constitution was written to create a brand new form of government.

As a popular war hero, Washington was the logical choice to become the first president in 1789. He was re-elected four years later. He said he would not serve a third term because that would give one man too much power. As the first president, Washington set an example for later presidents. Today, we honor him as a great leader for a brand new country.

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