

## FACTS ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON

Learning Objectives: The students will

1. Understand the purpose of Presidents' Day.
2. Identify the contributions of George Washington and how he helped shape our nation.
3. Enhance their critical thinking skills.

TEKS: K.1A, K.2A, K.15B, K.16A 1.1A, 1.2A, 1.17B, 1.18A, 2.1A, 2.4A, 2.17B, 2.18A

Materials: *A Picture Book of George Washington* by David A. Adler, copies of the George Washington Puzzle/Crack the Code attachment

Vocabulary: colonies, Continental Army, French and Indian War, hero, president, surveying, treaties, widow, wilderness

Teaching Strategy:

1. Introduce the lesson by giving each student a quarter. Ask students the name of the person who is pictured on the quarter. Discuss why George Washington appears on the coin as well as the dollar bill.
2. Have students brainstorm a list of other things that honor George Washington such as the Washington Monument, Mount Rushmore, Washington, D.C., the state of Washington, George Washington University, George Washington High School, etc.
3. Read *A Picture Book of George Washington* by David A. Adler to the class and lead students in a discussion of the important accomplishments of George Washington. Remind students that Washington is honored along with Abraham Lincoln on Presidents' Day each year. Have students share why they think we celebrate this national holiday.
4. Give students a copy of the George Washington Puzzle/Crack the Code attachment and have them complete it.
5. Conclude the lesson by having students finish the following open-ended phrase: George Washington is like \_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_.

**Extension for Gifted/Talented: Have the students research information about Abraham Lincoln and create an Abraham Lincoln Puzzle with facts about his life.**

## GEORGE WASHINGTON PUZZLE

Use the facts about George Washington that are listed in the box to solve the puzzle below. Each word will be used once.

commander	leader	Virginia
president	hero	surveying
horseback	war	treaties
	Martha	

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## CRACK THE CODE

Using the code below, discover a fact about George Washington.

1=A	7=G	13=M	19=S	25=Y
2=B	8=H	14=N	20=T	26=Z
3=C	9=I	15=O	21=U	
4=D	10=J	16=P	22=V	
5=E	11=K	17=Q	23=W	
6=F	12=L	18=R	24=X	

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