

Additional Vocabulary and Comprehension Questions

Note to parents: *Meet George Washington* implies that the Boston Tea Party occurred in 1774. The Boston Tea Party occurred in 1774. The Boston Tea Party happened on December 16, 1773.

Setting and Overview: Virginia; mid to late 1700s. George Washington grew up in Virginia. After a stint as a land surveyor, he joined the army, where he led troops in the French and Indian War. When that war ended, King George's taxes angered Washington, as did other unfair policies. When John Adams nominated Washington as General for the colonies, he accepted. His army retreated often and lost often, but they finally won the Revolutionary War in 1781. Washington was the first president of the United States, and after an eight-year term, he went home to Mount Vernon.

Q: What was George Washington's childhood like? [chapter 1]

A: he grew up on a large farm worked by slaves. His father was proud to be an Englishman and sent George's older brothers to school in England. George went to school in the colonies, where he studied hard. He was good at sports.

Q: What was the cause of the French and Indian War? [chapter 4]

A: both France and England claimed the rich land of America

Q: How did George's job as a surveyor help him as a soldier? [chapter 4]

A: he learned to live in the wild, and he grew familiar with the land

Q: Why did so many British soldiers die? [chapter 5]

A: their red coats made them easy targets

Q: What did Washington dislike about the king of England? [chapter 7]

A: his high taxes and his law that took land away from those to whom he had given it

Q: What difficulties did Washington face with his army? [chapter 9]

A: fights among men from different colonies, boys who fired guns for fun, no discipline, theft, and a lack of guns and gunpowder

Q: Who were the “Sgnik Sdneirf?” [chapter 10]

A: friends of the king, those loyal to England

Q: What did the colonists sign that signed that angered the king? [chapter 10]

A: Declaration of Independence

Q: Why was the Delaware River important in the Revolutionary War? [chapter 12]

A: Washington first escaped from his enemies across the river - he took all the boats; then he crossed back when the Germans were partying and took many prisoners

Q: At Valley Forge, what did Washington ask Congress for? [chapter 13]

A: food, shoes, and clothes

Q: How did the Revolutionary War finally end? [chapter 14]

A: the French sailed into Yorktown at the same time the British marched there; Washington’s troops followed the British and trapped them, and the British surrendered

Q: When Washington was president, how did he stabilize the country?
[chapter 16]

A: he got money to pay debts to other countries, recruited an army, made new laws; he was like a father to the country who helps resolve small fights among children