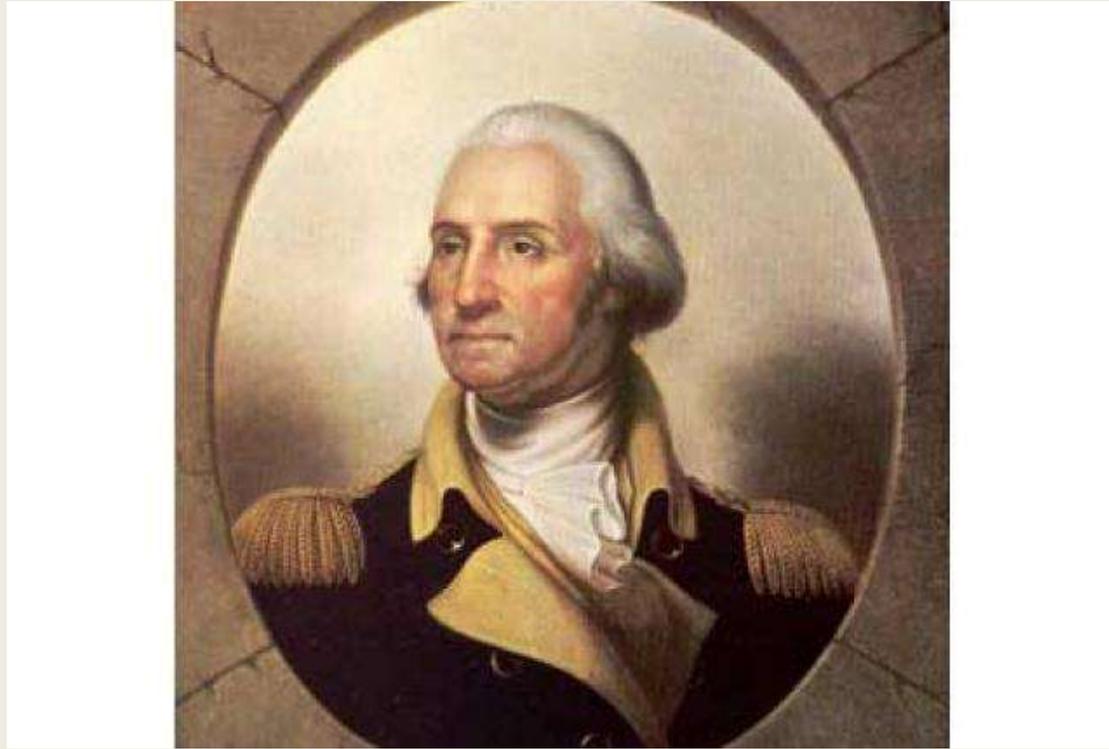


Lead by Example



George Washington's Presidency

Rewrite = rewrite the sentence to make correct

Complete = write the correct answer that completes the idea

Vocab = define the word, using the context

Revise = rewrite the sentence with simpler grammar

Opinion = give your own opinion



= complete the interactive notebook entry

The United States in the late 1700s is a new country with a new Constitution and a new president: George Washington. George Washington was General of the Continental Army during the war. Later, he presided over the Constitutional Convention. He seldom participated, but his being there was important. After, he became a strong federalist; he encouraged his fellow Virginians to ratify the Constitution. Then, he was elected the first president of the United States.



Define Presided-

Complete

1. George Washington _____ over the Constitutional Convention.

2. George Washington was a _____, which means he supported the Constitution.

3. George Washington was elected the first _____ of the United States.

George Washington was a great president because he was a great manager. He created a cabinet, which is a group of men who advised him and made decisions. There was a Secretary of War, Secretary of State, Secretary of Treasury, Postmaster General, and Attorney General.



Complete: This is George Washington's _____

Define Cabinet:

George Washington allowed Congress to debate the path of the USA. He allowed his cabinet members to decide the path of his presidency. And there was a lot of debate! Two political sides formed. They formed along the same division as before. The division was between people who wanted a strong federal government and people who wanted a weak federal government. The two sides became the first political parties: the **Federalists** and the **Democratic-Republicans**. More on this later....

Complete

1. The two sides that formed are the _____ and the _____.
2. The division was between people who wanted a strong _____ government and those who didn't.

George Washington helped define the **judicial branch**. He appointed John Marshall to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. **John Marshall** was, like Washington, a strong leader who wanted balance. John Marshall later defined the role of the judicial branch. This role is to review the Constitution. This is called **Judicial Review**. This means the Supreme Court decides whether something is protected by the Constitution, or goes against it. For example, saying prayers to God in schools: The Supreme Court ultimately has to make a judgment on this issue, not the president or Congress.



Rewrite

1. George Washington helped defined the legislative branch.
2. He appointed Thomas Jefferson as the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
3. Before John Marshall, the Judicial Branch had a clearly defined role.

Complete

4. Judicial Review is the power of the Judicial Branch to...

George Washington is most famous for what he REFUSED to do. He refused to run for a third term as president! People wanted him to run again. When you are elected president of the USA, you win a term of 4 years. **George Washington was elected two times. He didn't run the third term.** This became a precedent. A precedent is a custom that people follow. It didn't become a law until 1947 after Franklin Roosevelt broke the precedent and served four terms because of World War II

Define precedent

Complete

1. George Washington refused to...
2. George Washington was elected _____ times, then he stepped down.

George Washington could have been a dictator. There was a division between **Federalists** and **Democratic-Republicans**. It scared people. Important Americans became nervous that without George Washington, the United States would be destroyed by these two sides fighting! Think about how many democracies are destroyed by this. So they keep a dictator. The modern country of Egypt just did this.



Complete- Washington could have been a dictator because....

George Washington was no dictator. He was no king. He DID NOT run for reelection. He wrote a goodbye letter, which is known as the Farewell Address. In this address, he says:

-The USA will never to be too large to be a Republic. It can expand and stay democratic.

-I support the Constitution, so any mistakes that happened when I was president are my fault

-I don't want political parties. I think they might happen, but the biggest danger to this country will be division. It might be political division. It might be sectional division.

-Follow my example. Avoid scandals and controversy. Be a good person.

Highlight the key points of GW's Farewell Address

Summarize: In your own words, what are the 4 main ideas of the Farewell Address?

1-

2-

3-

4-

Complete: Why was George Washington a great president?

-He defined the role of the _____ branch

-He created the system of advisers, called the _____

-He set the _____ of running only two terms

George Washington set the example for US presidents. In his Farewell Address, he predicted the future. The USA will continue to expand, but it will stay democratic. The USA will be divided into political parties over and over again. And most importantly: Sectionalism will divide the USA into the North and South, which will lead to the Civil War.





Now, complete
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Activities.