The First President: George Washington

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1. George Washington is from the state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Washington was the only president who was unanimously elected to office. He got every single vote in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Twice.
3. Washington was fearful / excited (circle one) about becoming president. Why?
4. One of the first issues that arose was what to address him. One suggestion was *His Excellency* but Washington wanted to be called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Washington traveled to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ state in the union to visit the people. He could often be seen riding his horse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Why might he have done this?
6. As a commander, Washington would have frequent Councils of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where he would get people’s opinions and then make a decision. He did the same thing as president.
7. This led to the creation of the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which historians feel was the best one since. His cabinet included:
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Secretary of Treasure
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Secretary of State
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Secretary of War
8. As Secretary of Treasure, Hamilton set the standard for our national economy.
   1. He created the framework for a national \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system.
   2. He proposed that the federal government should assume the leftover \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ debt of the 13 original states.

Presidential Issues:

1. “Assumption” became an issue for Washington’s presidency. He pulled in the two sides and had them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Hamilton got his federal funding for the war debt in exchange for the movement of the federal capital to the state of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. In 1793, America was called upon to choose sides in a war between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and France. Washington chose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. In 1794, Pennsylvania farmers rose up in arms over a federal excise tax on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They used the now famous phrase “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Washington put down the rebellion easily by mustering \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ volunteers to fight. This event is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Note: How is this different from Shay’s Rebellion?
   2. What does it say about the new federal government that it was so easy to put down?
4. Washington set many precedents as President but one of the most famous is his decision to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after only two terms. “Grace is in knowing when to leave.”

Reflection: Other than his presidential and military abilities, what else was the president very good at?