

Prompt 5.4 - The Washington Myth

Warm-up: What do you think happens after most revolutions? Why?

Fill in the Blanks	Answer the Question
<p>Washington</p> <p>He originally wanted to be a British soldier. He suffered many defeats in the Revolution. He became wealthy after marrying Martha Custis and owned her 317 slaves. He had a hot temper. He was rumored to avoid power yet became the first president. Washington had _____.</p>	<p>List some facts about Washington's personality</p>
<p>Cincinnatus</p> <p>Cincinnatus was a mythic Roman general who may have lived in 519 BCE. When he was called upon by Rome to take power and defend against "barbarians" he did. After he defeated the barbarians, instead of keeping power, he _____ it to the people.</p>	<p>Why would Romans tell the story of Cincinnatus?</p>
<p>Endurance</p> <p>During the Revolution, Washington never gave up, even when things seemed hopeless. After New York, only 2,000 troops remained. Most generals would have made a deal with Britain to surrender but Washington kept _____. By keeping up the war, Washington was eventually able to beat the British with French help.</p>	<p>How did Washington win the Revolution?</p>
<p>Loyalty</p> <p>After the war, the Articles of Confederation government did not pay the veterans of the Revolution. Some veterans created a plan to overthrow the government and asked Washington for help. Instead of taking power, Washington _____ them by giving them speech.</p>	<p>What was The Newburgh Conspiracy?</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Duty</p> <p>After Shay's Rebellion, James Madison created a new Constitution. He convinced Washington to attend the convention as President. His support persuaded everyone to show up and, with the help of Hamilton, to _____ the new Constitution.</p>	How did Washington help the Constitution?
<p style="text-align: center;">Humility</p> <p>Washington set many precedents for future presidents to follow. He wanted simply to be called Mr President, he created a cabinet of advisors to help run the country, and, most importantly, he only served _____ terms.</p>	How did Washington avoid power?
<p style="text-align: center;">Neutral</p> <p>Hamilton became the Secretary of Treasury and Jefferson the Secretary of State. They ended up hating each other but Washington kept them both around to be _____. Jefferson decided to secretly insult Washington in the news anyway.</p>	What type of people did he put at his side?
<p style="text-align: center;">Sacrifice</p> <p>Washington sometimes made unpopular decisions like avoiding the French Revolution, signing the Jay Treaty, and using the military to stop the Whiskey Rebellion. He _____ his popularity because he wanted what was best for the country instead of what was best for himself.</p>	What was Washington willing to do for others?
<p style="text-align: center;">Myth</p> <p>Washington became the most famous figure in US history. Future presidents followed his examples, rumors were created to honor him, and the capital was named after him. Why? Because he was the _____ Cincinnatus.</p>	Why did people honor Washington?

Cooldown: Would The United States still have been the same if Washington did not exist? Explain.

5.4 Washington Myth

Warm-Up



What do you think happens after most revolutions in history?

- a) Do the winners keep power or give it back to the people?
- b) Is the country stable without any problems?
- c) Is everyone happy after every revolution? What about loyalists?

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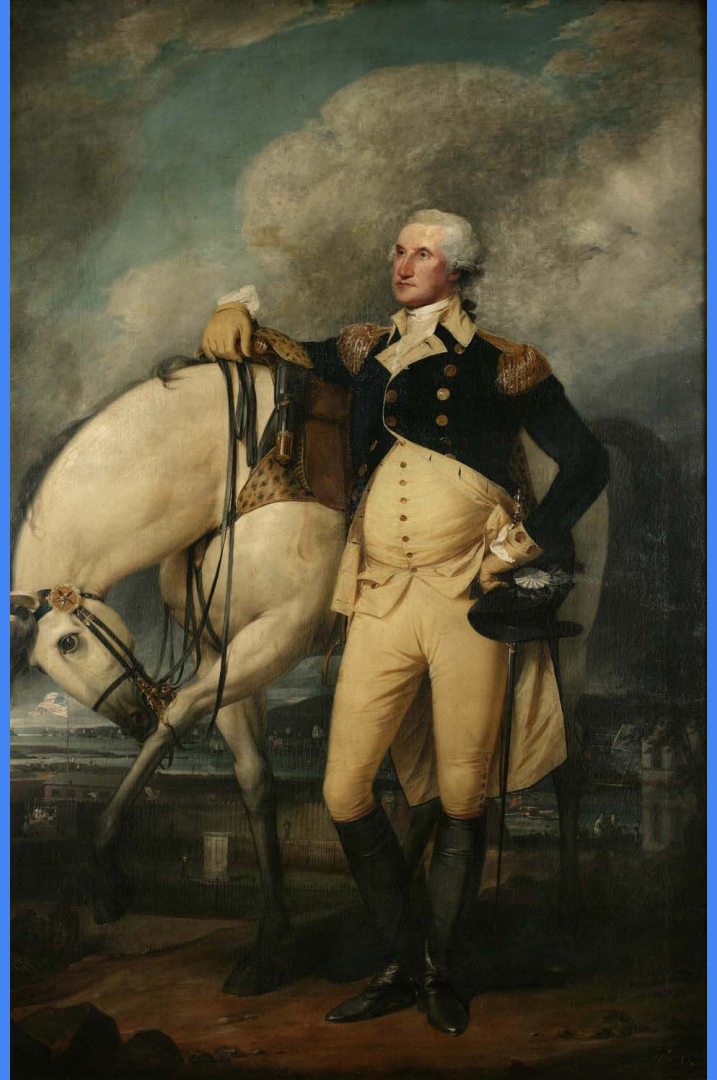
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rumored to avoid power yet became the

first president. He killed many native

americans during the war. Washington had

flaws.



The Myth of Cincinnatus

Cincinnatus was a mythic Roman general who may have lived in 519 BCE.

When he was called upon by Rome to take power and defend against

“barbarians” he did. After he defeated the barbarians, instead of keeping power, he **returned** it to the people.

- A true story? Did it matter?



Endurance

During the Revolution, Washington never gave up, even when things seemed hopeless. After New York, only 2000 troops remained. Most generals would have made a deal with Britain to surrender but Washington kept fighting. By keeping up the war, Washington was eventually able to beat the British.



Loyal

After the war, the Articles of Confederation government did not pay the veterans of the Revolution. The veterans created a plan to overthrow the government and asked Washington for help. Instead of taking power, Washington **dissuaded** them by giving them speech.



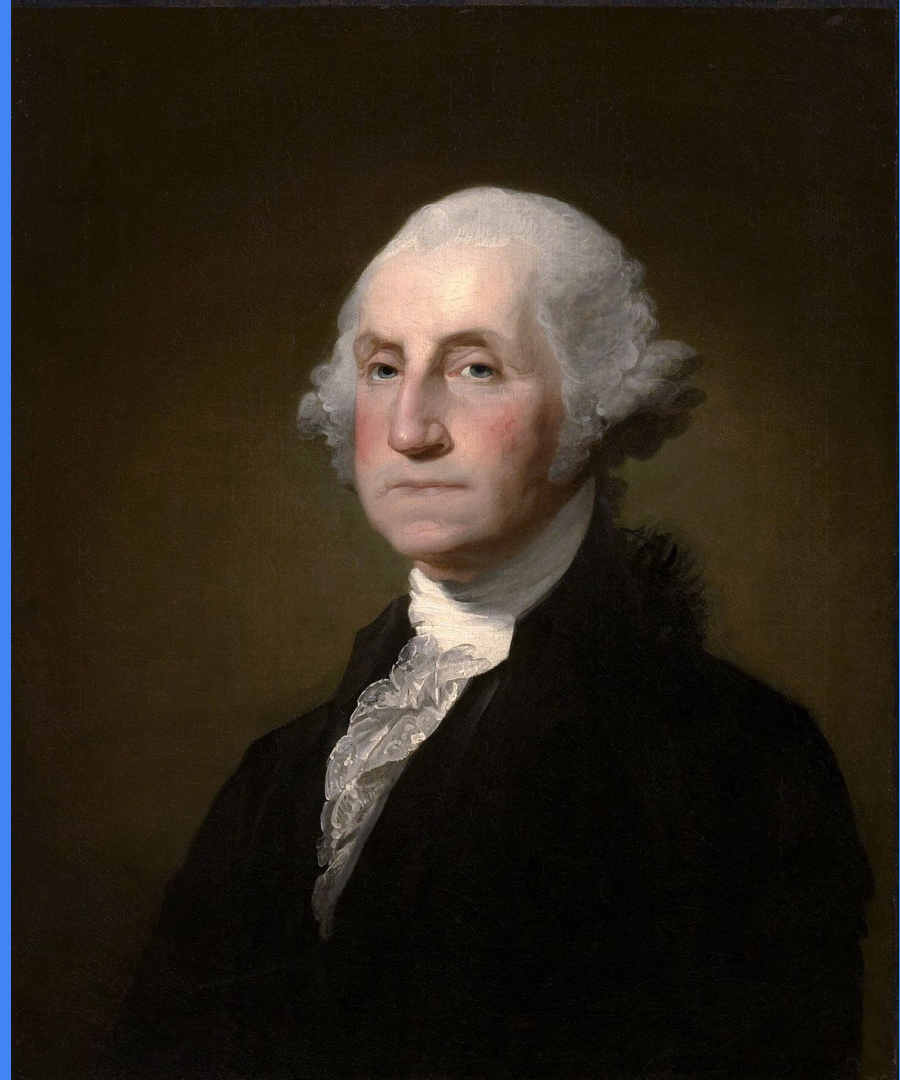
Duty

After Shay's Rebellion, the AOC was clearly shown to be insufficient so James Madison created a new Constitution. He convinced Washington to attend the convention as President. His support persuaded everyone to show up and, with the help of Hamilton, to **ratify** the new Constitution.



Humility

Washington set many precedents for future presidents to follow. He wanted simply to be called Mr President, he created a cabinet to help run the executive branch, he would use force when needed, he would make treaties, and, most importantly, he would only serve **2** terms.



Unbiased

Hamilton became the Secretary of Treasury and Jefferson the Secretary of State. They ended up hating each other in their fight to influence Washington but he kept them both around to be **unbiased**. Jefferson decided to secretly write insulting articles against Washington anyway.



Sacrifice

Washington sometimes made unpopular decisions like avoiding the French Revolution, signing the Jay Treaty, and using military to stop the Whiskey Rebellion. However, he was not afraid to do what was **unpopular** if he thought it was the best decision for the country.



TREATY
OF
Amity, Commerce, and Navigation,
BETWEEN
HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
BY THEIR PRESIDENT,
WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THEIR
SENATE.
CONDITIONALLY RATIFIED

The Myth

After he dies he immediately becomes the most famous figure in US history. He becomes a myth and an example for future presidents to follow. Washington is loyal, dutiful, has humility, is accepting, has conviction, and never lies. He does what is best even if it is unpopular. He is the **American Cincinnatus**.



Cooldown

Would The United States still have been
the same if Washington did not exist?

Explain