

# ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Close Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK	The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to support the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: CROSSWORD	Students will reread the passage searching for answers to the crossword puzzle.
TASK 4: TEXT MARKING	Students will reread the passage again looking for text-marking evidence and annotating the text.
TASK 5: TRUE OR FALSE	Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage.
TASK 6: SUMMARY	After identifying key vocabulary words, searching for evidence and text-marking, students will fill out the final summary graphic organizer.
GRADE LEVEL	PASSAGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

# TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

Philadelphia	Revolutionary	1748
hero	taxes	flaws
Virginia	Parliament	23

George Washington was born on February 22nd, 1732, in the colony of Virginia. His father was a landowner and planter but died when George was eleven. Washington worked as a land surveyor in his youth, starting at the age of 16. He worked to survey much of the state of \_\_\_\_\_ and surrounding areas. A surveyor is someone who tracks the distance between points. Washington got his first job and license from the College of William and Mary in \_\_\_\_\_. In his 20s, he started his military career in the French and Indian War before returning to Virginia to be a farmer. When he was \_\_\_\_\_, he was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses where he served for sixteen years. He openly spoke against the unfair laws and \_\_\_\_\_ in the colonies required by King George III and the British \_\_\_\_\_ (government).

Washington would become a representative for Virginia in the first and second Continental Congress. Washington was later selected to lead the army against Britain in the \_\_\_\_\_ War that began in May of 1775. Washington would fearlessly lead the Continental Army for six long years. The British finally surrendered. George Washington was a war \_\_\_\_\_ all across the nation. Many believed he helped the nation gain freedom from Britain and establish the United States.

The United States operated under the Articles of Confederation. This was the first constitution, but it had many \_\_\_\_\_. The word constitution simply means plan of government. The federal (national) government was not strong enough to do anything effectively. In 1787, the Constitutional Convention met in \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss the Articles of Confederation. Here, Washington helped draft a new Constitution to solve the problems of the Articles of Confederation. He was also elected as the first President of the United States and served from 1789-1797. John Adams was elected as his Vice President.

# TASK 2: VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the diagram below.



WORD



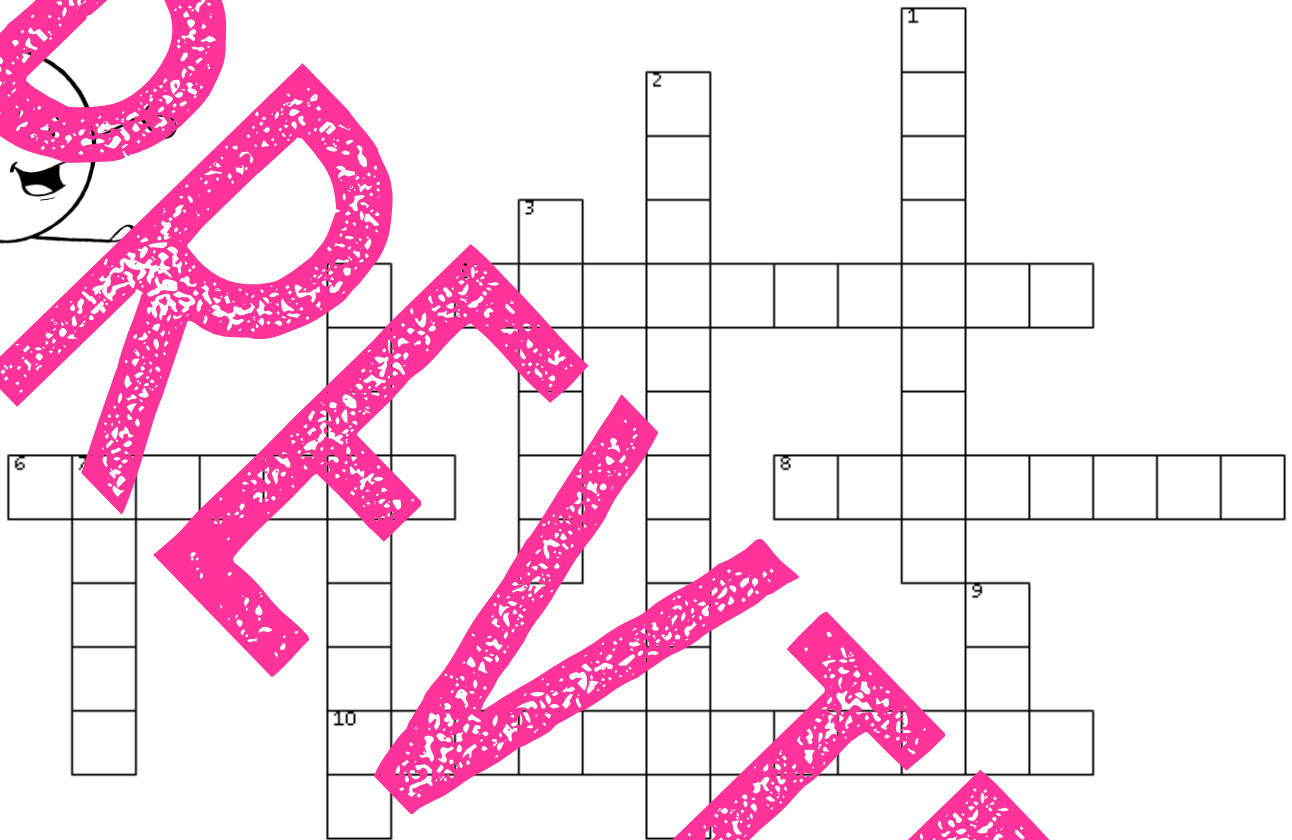
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DEFINITION


# TASK 3: CROSSWORD

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the clues below and entering the correct response.



## ACROSS

5. Another name for Britain's government
6. Group of advisors to the president
8. Colony where Washington was born
10. Plan of government

## DOWN

1. Jefferson served as his \_\_\_\_\_ of State
2. Location of Constitutional Convention
3. Washington is honored as the "\_\_\_\_\_ of our country"
4. Farm animals
7. Last name of Washington's vice president
9. Number of terms Washington served as president



# TASK 6: SUMMARIZE



TOPIC SENTENCE



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SUMMARY



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