

# ABOUT THIS PACKET

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

TASK	OVERVIEW
<b>TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS</b>	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
<b>TASK 2: VOCABULARY</b>	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
<b>TASK 3: RESPOND</b>	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
<b>TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE</b>	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
<b>TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE</b>	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
<b>TASK 6: WORD SEARCH</b>	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
<b>FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)</b>	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

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# 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 fifteen 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 #4: TRUE OR FALSE



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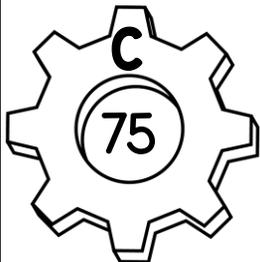
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



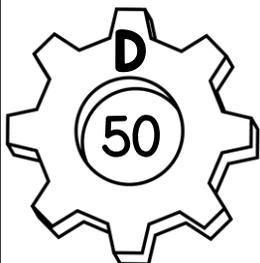
**A.** Washington served two terms as president.



**B.** Washington started his military career in the French and Indian War.



**C.** The Constitutional Convention was held in Washington D.C.



**D.** Thomas Jefferson served as Washington's Secretary of Treasury.



**E.** George Washington was born in the colony of Virginia.

**F.** The Revolutionary War began in 1775.

**G.** A cabinet is a group of advisors to the president.

**H.** John Adams was Washington's Secretary of State.

**I.** Today, Washington is honored as the "Father of our country."

**J.** Another word for England's government is Parliament.

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

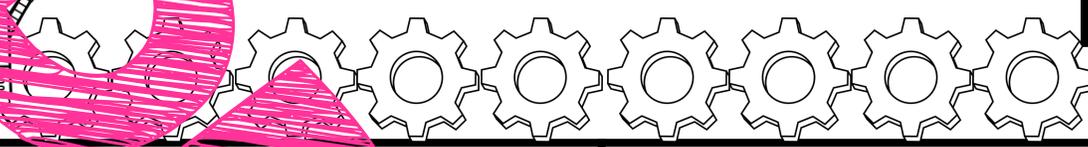
# TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. How many years was Washington president?

- A. 2 years
- B. 4 years
- C. 6 years
- D. 8 years

6. When was the Constitutional Convention?

- A. 1776
- B. 1783
- C. 1787
- D. 1791

2. At what age did Washington begin work as a land surveyor?

- A. 16
- B. 18
- C. 20
- D. 22

7. Who was Washington's Secretary of State?

- A. Jefferson
- B. Adams
- C. Hamilton
- D. Madison

3. What was the name of Washington's estate?

- A. Mount Vernon
- B. Hermitage
- C. Mount Rushmore
- D. The Union

8. What is another word for crops?

- A. Confederation
- B. Taiga
- C. Livestock
- D. Agriculture

4. How long did Washington serve in the Virginia House of Burgesses?

- A. 5 years
- B. 10 years
- C. 15 years
- D. 20 years

9. Who was Washington's Vice President?

- A. Jefferson
- B. Adams
- C. Hamilton
- D. Madison

5. What word means plan of government?

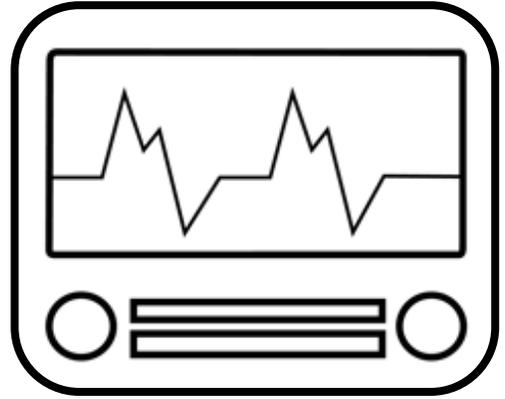
- A. State of the Union
- B. Article
- C. Amendment
- D. Constitution

10. Who was Washington's Secretary of Treasury?

- A. Jefferson
- B. Adams
- C. Hamilton
- D. Madison

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completing 6 reading  
comprehension tasks.*

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