

The “Precedent President” Web Quest: George Washington Takes Office

Today, we'll be completing a WebQuest, looking online at sources that will tell us more about George Washington and his presidency. ***Be sure to stay on task and keep a good pace!***

<http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/the-first-president/ten-facts-about-washingtons-presidency/>

Use this hyperlink to visit the site “George Washington’s Mt. Vernon”.

1. Using the information found under #1, what is a unique characteristic about his election that no other president can claim?
2. How does this information show that he was well respected by his peers? Using #4 on this same website:
3. What precedent was set dealing with the executive advisors, otherwise known as the cabinet? (You must read the excerpt to answer this question.)
4. List the original cabinet positions.
5. According to this section, Washington liked to include multiple opinions in his decision making. How does that show he had a fair, open-minded leadership style?

[America’s First Financial Plan](#)

Using paragraph two from this site, answer the following:

6. How did Hamilton propose we handle the \$54 million the federal government owed?
7. In Hamilton’s opinion, how would paying foreign debt back in full help the U.S. in the future?

Using paragraph three from this site, answer the following:

8. What did Hamilton propose the federal government do with the \$21 million of state debt?

Using paragraph seven from this site, answer the following:

9. What did Hamilton propose the U.S. create in Philadelphia?

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/duel/peopleevents/pande22.html>

Using the entire reading provided on this site, answer the following:

10. Why did farmers in Pennsylvania have an even stronger dislike for the whiskey tax than other citizens?
11. What specific actions did the protestors take?
12. Why did Hamilton believe that this rebellion “could not be tolerated”?
13. How did George Washington put down the Whiskey Rebellion?
14. How did the opinions of Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton differ on this issue?