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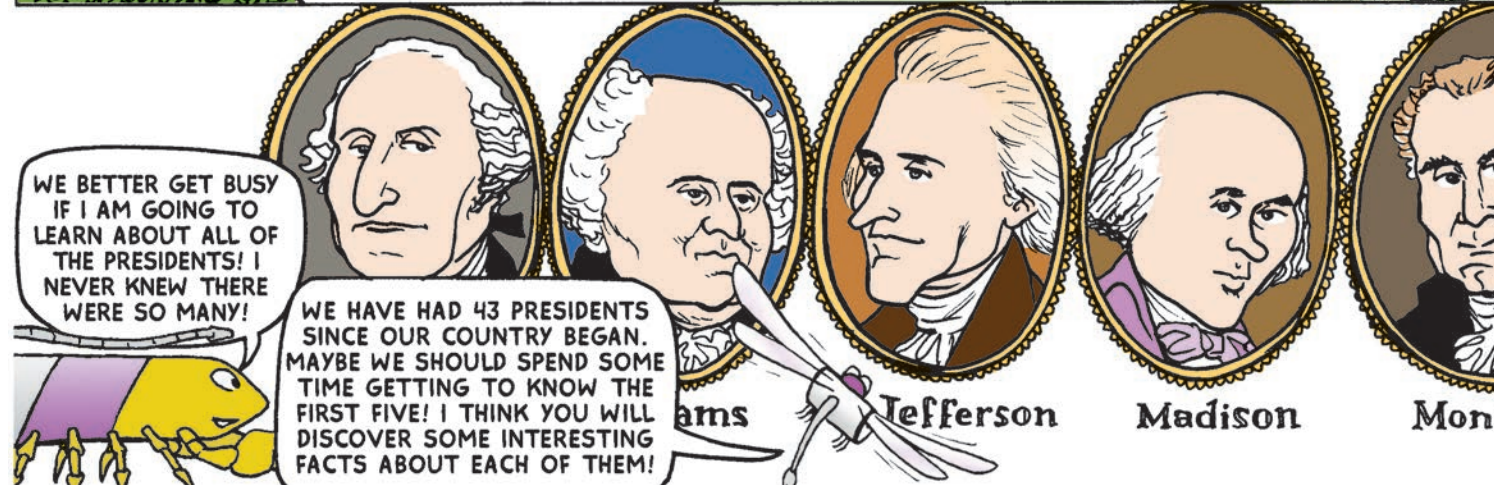
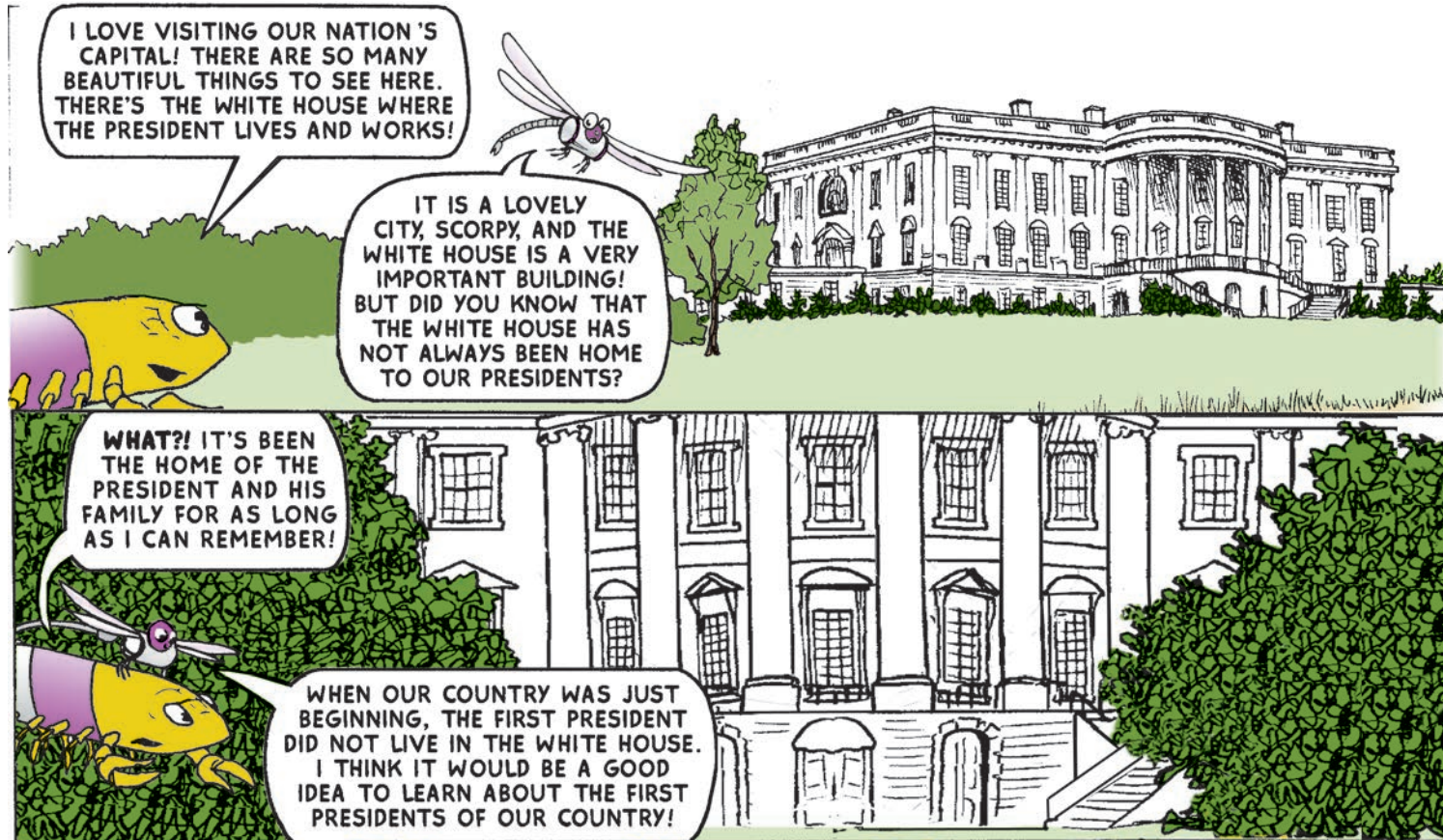
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GEORGE WASHINGTON

Introduction to 1st Five Presidents

George Washington is born on February 22nd in the Colony of Virginia. He will be a leader in the Revolutionary War, a founding father of the nation, and its first president.

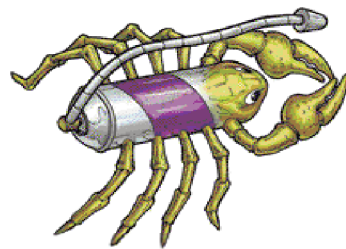


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THE RIGHT STUFF

What qualities, skills, or characteristics does a person need to be President? Look at the list below and decide which of these are necessary to be a good president.

Smart
Handsome
Military experience or expertise
Respected
Cautious
Diplomatic

Intellectual
Honest
College-educated
Well-traveled
Charismatic
Tall
Strong

Understands business
Farmer
Strong leader
Lawyer
Good with numbers
Good communicator
Good character
Prestigious

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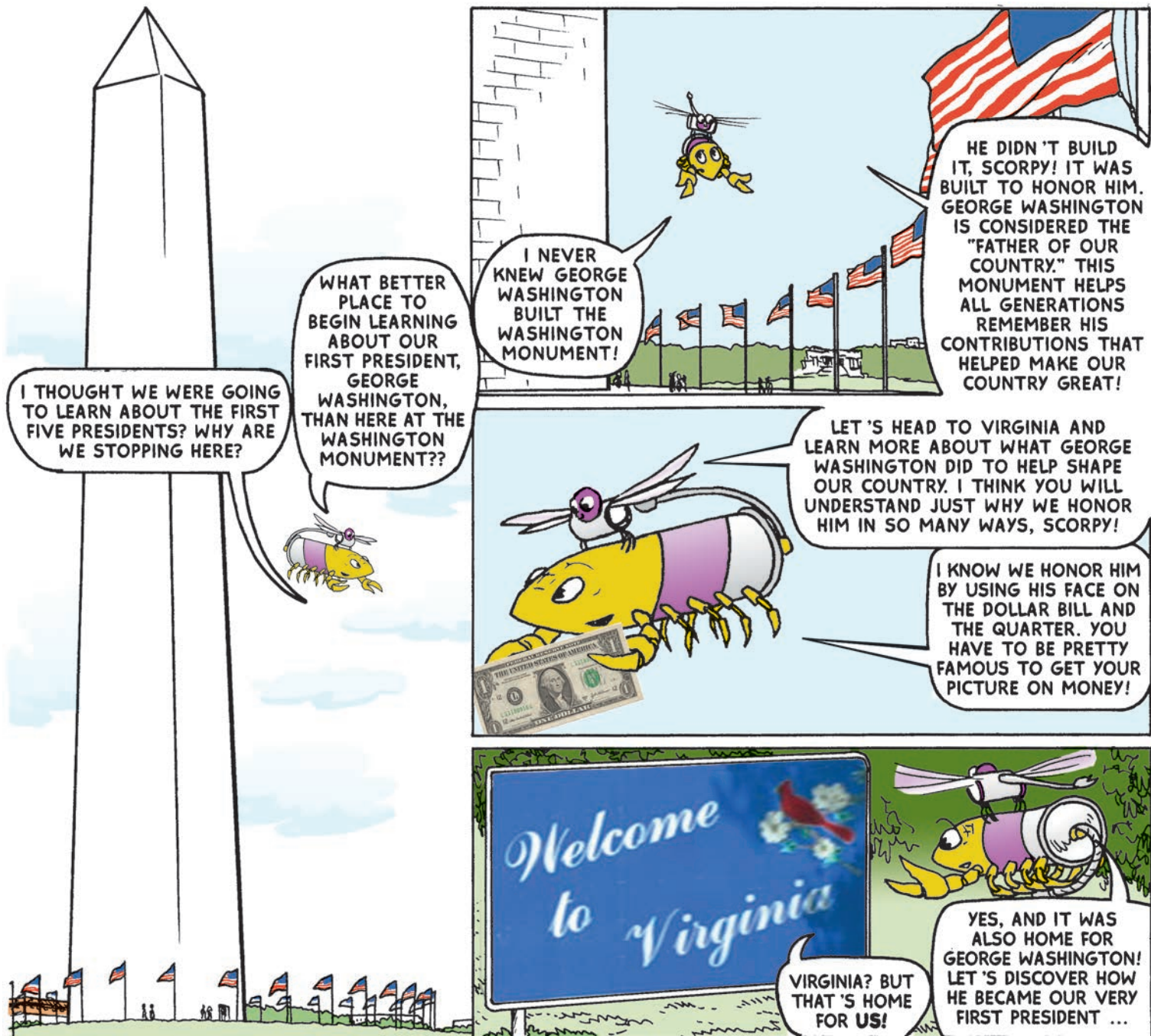
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Washington Monument

Georg Brandt, a Swedish Chemist and Mineralogist, discovers cobalt. Cobalt is a silver metal that can be used in the production of magnetic items, inks and paints. It can also be used as a pigment to turn glass blue.



DOLLAR DUZ IT!

Take a close look at a one-dollar bill. You can see that George Washington is on the bill, but what else can you discover about the dollar. See if you can find the answers to the following questions.

1. The one-dollar bill is paper money worth how many cents?
2. About how much does the dollar bill weigh?
3. What color ink is used to print the front of the bill?

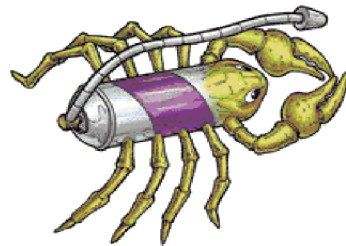
4. What color ink is used to print the back of the bill?
5. Find the Roman numerals on the back of the dollar bill. What number do the numerals represent?
6. On the back is a pyramid. How many steps are on it?

7. Locate the bald eagle. How many stars appear above the eagle?
- ANSWERS:**
1. 100 2. 1 gram 3. black
4. green 5. 1776 6. 13
7. 13

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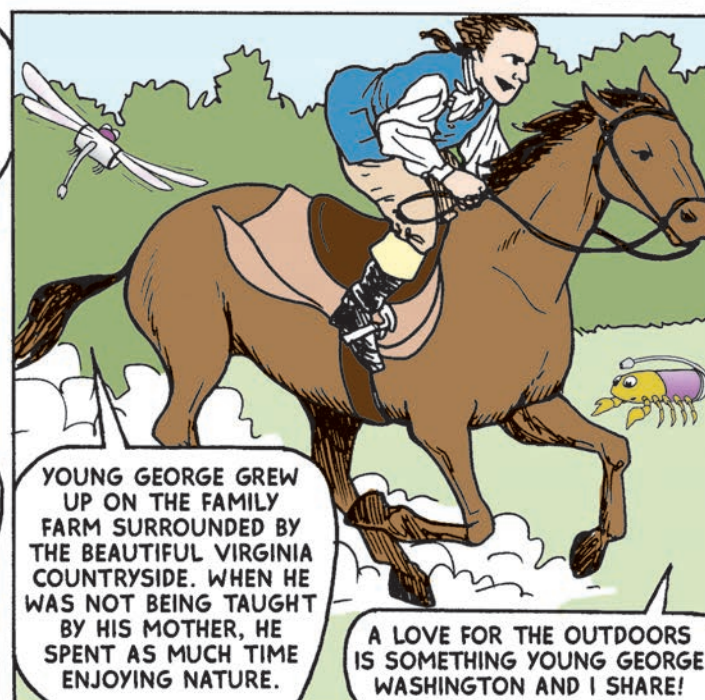
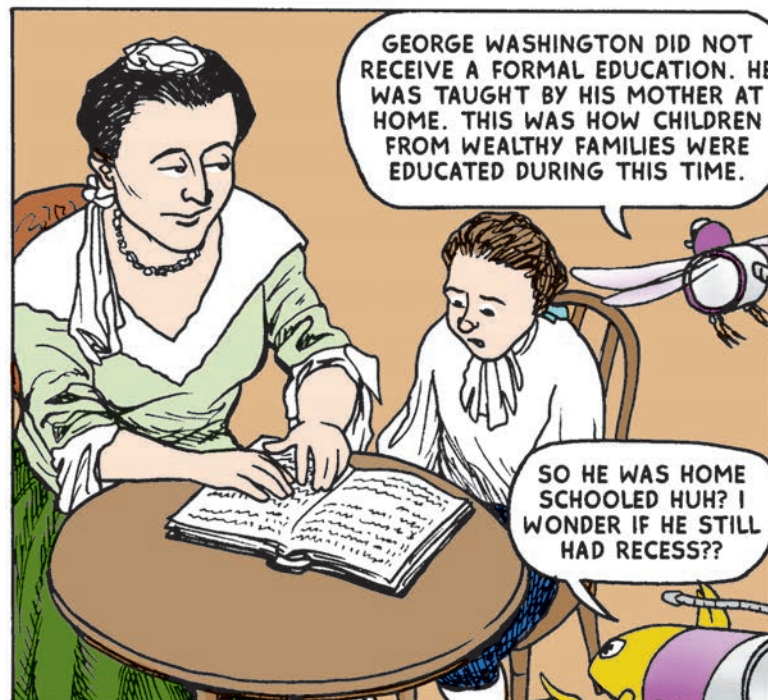
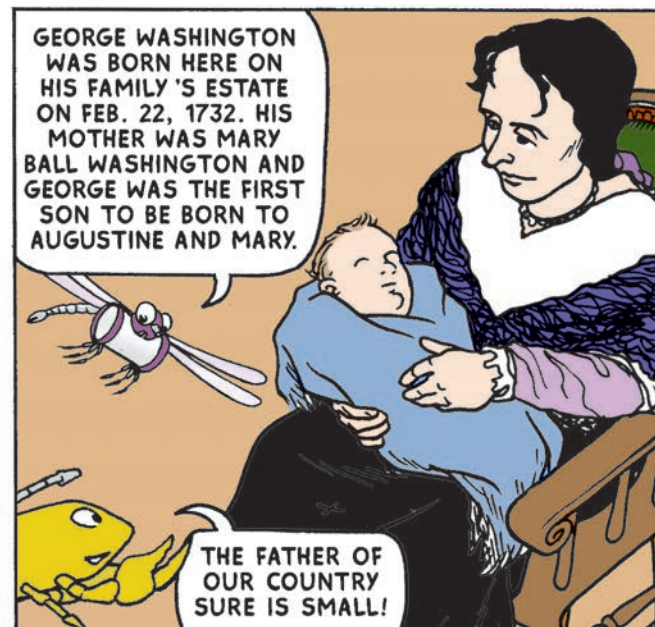
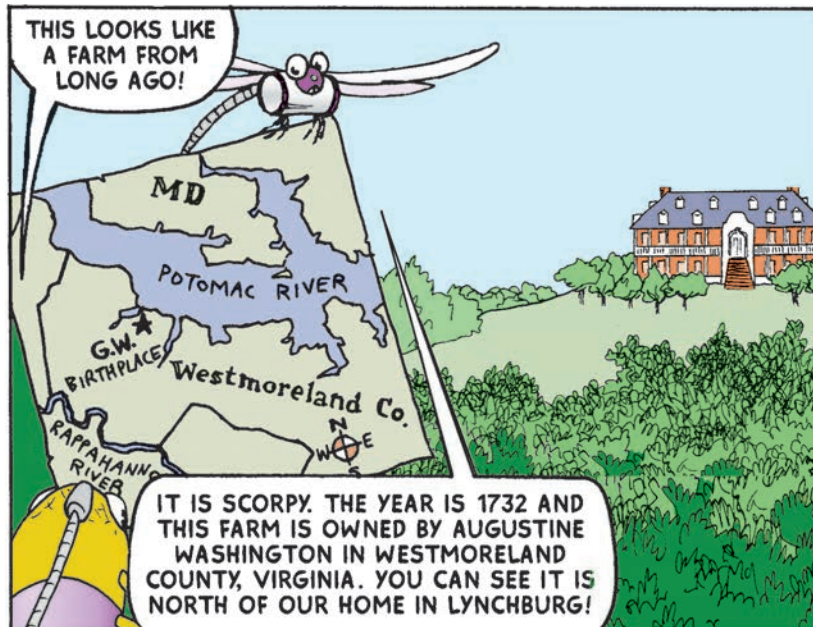
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Birth of Washington

James Oglethorpe is granted a royal charter for the Colony of Georgia. It is the last of the 13 Colonies to be established.



FARMER

George grew up on a farm. Nine out of ten farmers wished to pass the ownership on to their children. Therefore children had to learn to work on the farm. Farmers' tools were simple and their use required heavy labor.

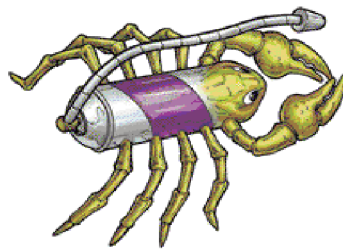
- MATERIALS**
Toilet paper tube
Masking tape
Cardboard box
Scissors
Pencil

- PROCEDURE**
1. Cut one side of the cardboard box.
2. Use a pencil to trace a large letter "C" on cardboard. Make one end pointed. Create a two-inch long large notch at the other.
3. Insert the notch into the paper tube. Pinch the end closed around the notch. Secure with masking tape.

4. Head outside and pretend to mow the lawn or cut down bushes with your sickle. How long might the job take compared to mowing with modern-day tools?
5. What modern-day tools replace the sickle?

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George, the Farmer and Surveyor

Benjamin Franklin begins publication of Poor Richard's Almanac in Philadelphia. This agricultural handbook gave sunset and sunrise times, tide schedules, weather predictions and dates for planting and harvesting. This book also contained suggestions, recipes and advice for readers to follow. Franklin will continue annual editions of this book for the next 25 years.

GEORGE WASHINGTON A Day 4

WHEN GEORGE WAS IN HIS TEENS, HIS FATHER THOUGHT IT WAS TIME FOR HIM TO LEARN HOW TO MANAGE THE FAMILY'S LARGE FARM. GEORGE LEARNED HOW TO PLANT AND GROW CROPS.

HE WAS BECOMING A GENTLEMAN FARMER FOR SURE!

WHAT AN INTERESTING CAMERA GEORGE IS USING!

THAT'S NOT A CAMERA, SCORPY! GEORGE IS SURVEYING, OR MEASURING, THE LANDSCAPE. HE WAS SO GOOD AT SURVEYING THAT HE WAS APPOINTED TO HIS FIRST PUBLIC OFFICE, SURVEYOR OF CULPEPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA!

GEORGE BECAME INTERESTED IN THE LAND IN THE OHIO RIVER VALLEY. HE BECAME A PARTNER IN THE OHIO COMPANY, WHICH WAS FORMED TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT WESTERN LAND.

WOW! HE WAS A PARTNER IN A COMPANY AND HE WAS ONLY ABOUT 18 YEARS OLD!

GEORGE CONTINUED TO SURVEY LANDS AROUND VIRGINIA. HE FELT A CLOSENESS TO THE LAND AND WANTED TO KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT HIS SURROUNDINGS AS POSSIBLE.

I HAVE A FEELING THE STORY IS JUST STARTING!

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FOR "LANDS SAKE!"

Try your hand at surveying your yard or an area nearby. Pretend you are walking in uncharted territory.

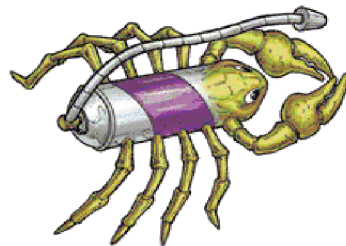
1. Sketch a picture of the area that includes as many landmarks as possible.

2. Take notes on the area, keeping an accurate count of any landmarks.
3. Decide what the boundaries will be and think about different ways to mark off and measure the area.

4. Construct a measuring tool that can be used to measure the area and then measure the boundaries.
5. Create a written and visual description of the land you have "surveyed."

6. Give your description to another person and have them see if they can "interpret" your work as a surveyor!

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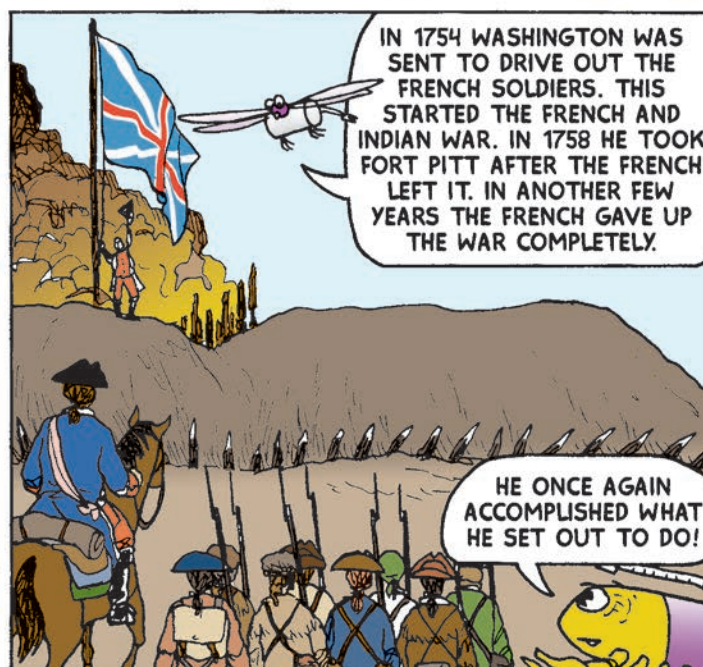
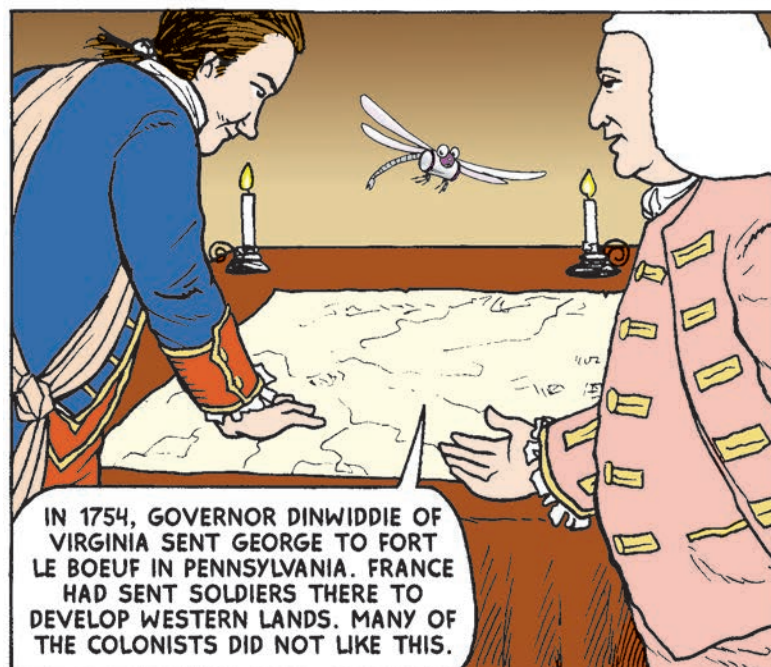
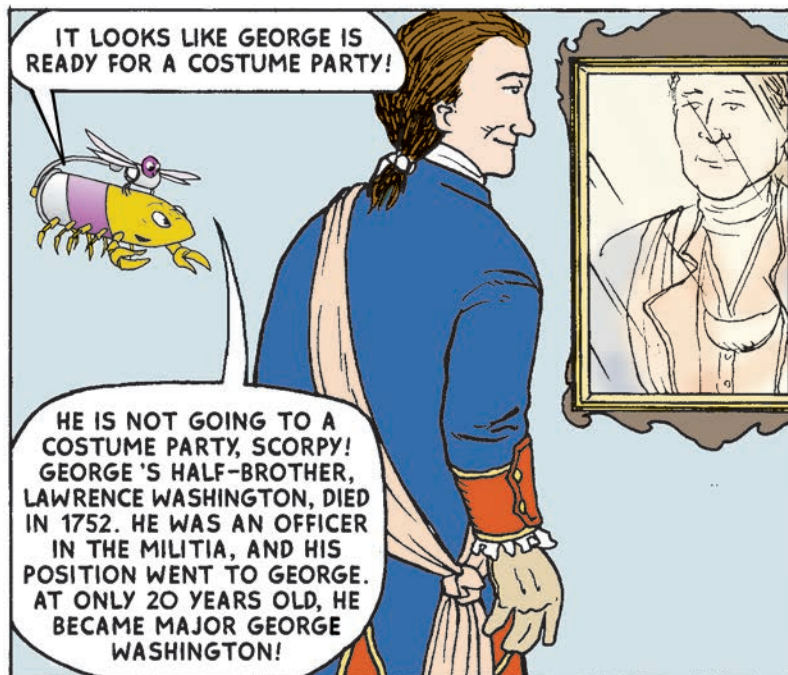
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THINKING ABOUT LEADERSHIP

What does the word leadership mean to you?

What are some of the characteristics that leaders have?

Name some leaders in your school; your community, and the world.

Are all the characteristics of a leader what you would consider "good"?

Are all leaders good people?

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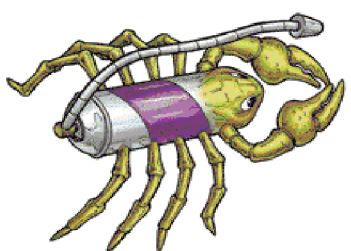
GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Becomes a Military Leader

The Royal Opera House, originally called the Covent Garden Theatre Royal, opens its doors. It is a performing arts venue in London and is considered one of the foremost opera houses in the world.

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AFTER THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR ENDED, GEORGE WASHINGTON RESIGNED FROM HIS MILITARY DUTIES AND RETURNED TO VIRGINIA AND HIS FARM.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

GEORGE MET MARTHA DANDRIDGE CUSTIS, A WEALTHY WIDOW WHO LIVED ON A PLANTATION IN NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA. GEORGE HAD ONLY VISITED HER TWICE BEFORE HE PROPOSED. BOTH GEORGE AND MARTHA WERE 27 YEARS OLD WHEN THEY MARRIED IN 1759.


SO GEORGE FINALLY TIES THE KNOT!

THE NEWLYWED COUPLE MOVED TO MOUNT VERNON AND GEORGE QUICKLY SETTLED INTO A LIFE OF BEING A GENTLEMAN FARMER. TOGETHER THEY RAISED MARTHA'S TWO CHILDREN FROM HER PREVIOUS MARRIAGE. ALTHOUGH GEORGE AND MARTHA NEVER HAD CHILDREN TOGETHER, THEY WERE GOOD PARENTS TO LITTLE JACKIE AND PATSY!

MOUNT VERNON SURE WOULD BE A GREAT PLACE TO GROW UP!

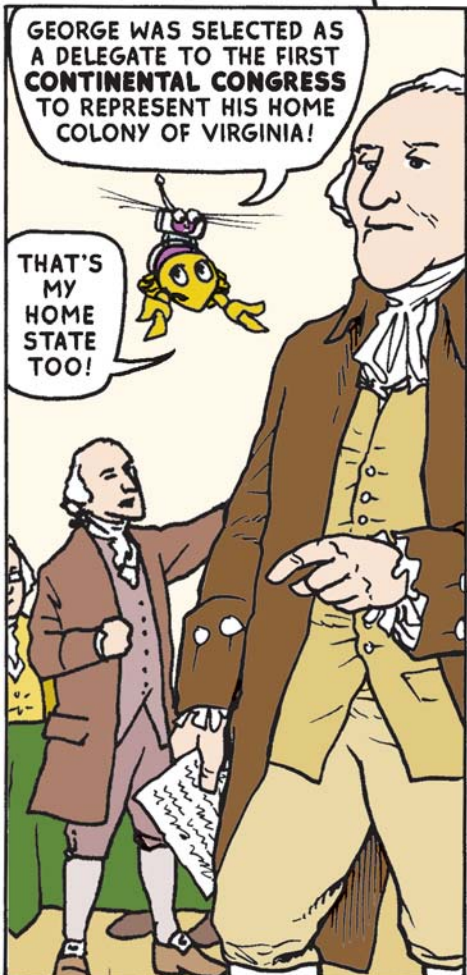
BY 1775 HE HAD DOUBLED THE SIZE OF MOUNT VERNON TO 6,500 ACRES. HE WAS EVEN ELECTED TO THE HOUSE OF BURGESSSES!

I HAVE A FEELING THAT GEORGE'S GREATEST CHALLENGE IS YET TO COME!




IN 1774 GEORGE MET WITH A GROUP OF COLONISTS WHO FELT THAT ENGLAND WAS NOT TREATING THEM FAIRLY. THEY WERE BEING TAXED FOR MANY THINGS BUT YET THEY HAD NO SAY IN HOW THEY WERE BEING LED. THE GROUP WANTED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HAVE A VOICE.

THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF OUR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE!

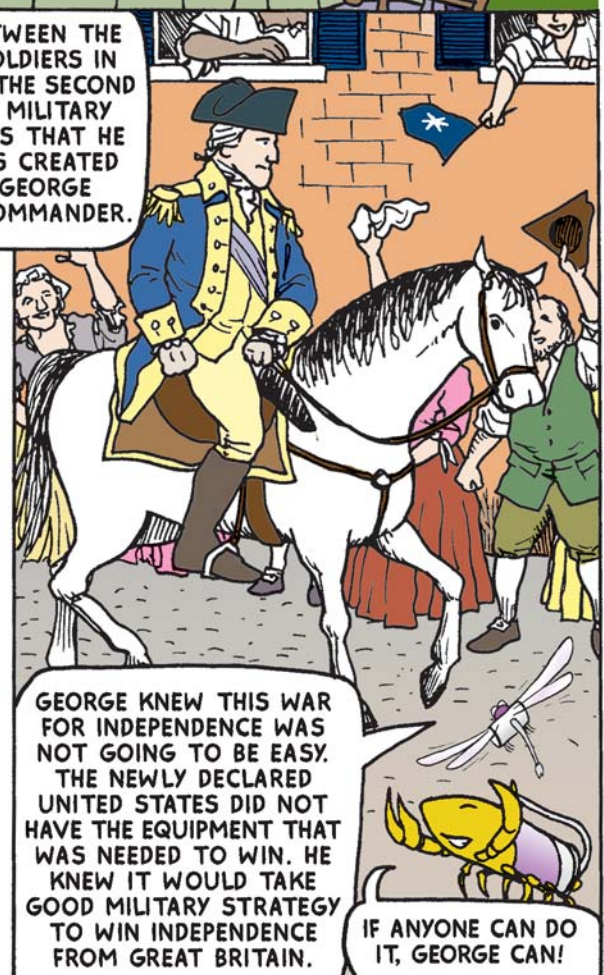


GEORGE WAS SELECTED AS A DELEGATE TO THE FIRST **CONTINENTAL CONGRESS** TO REPRESENT HIS HOME COLONY OF VIRGINIA!

THAT'S MY HOME STATE TOO!



AFTER FIGHTING BROKE OUT BETWEEN THE COLONISTS AND THE BRITISH SOLDIERS IN APRIL 1775, GEORGE APPEARED AT THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS IN HIS MILITARY UNIFORM. THIS TOLD THE OTHERS THAT HE WAS READY FOR WAR. CONGRESS CREATED THE CONTINENTAL ARMY AND GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS NAMED THE COMMANDER.



GEORGE KNEW THIS WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS NOT GOING TO BE EASY. THE NEWLY DECLARED UNITED STATES DID NOT HAVE THE EQUIPMENT THAT WAS NEEDED TO WIN. HE KNEW IT WOULD TAKE GOOD MILITARY STRATEGY TO WIN INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

IF ANYONE CAN DO IT, GEORGE CAN!

AFTER SEVERAL BATTLES WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, WASHINGTON'S ARMY ENCAMPTED AT VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA IN DECEMBER 1777. THE CONTINENTAL ARMY FACED GREAT HARDSHIPS AND MANY OF THEM DIED FROM DISEASE AND EXPOSURE TO THE WINTER WEATHER.



THESE COLONISTS MUST HAVE REALLY WANTED THEIR INDEPENDENCE!

AFTER THE TERRIBLE WINTER AT VALLEY FORGE WAS OVER, WASHINGTON'S TROOPS EMERGED WITH A STRONGER WILL FOR VICTORY. GEORGE ALSO BEGAN TO TRAIN HIS SOLDIERS ON WAYS THAT WOULD MAKE THEM BETTER.



I HOPE THIS MEANS THAT THIS REVOLUTIONARY WAR WILL END SOON!

IN 1781, WASHINGTON - ALONG WITH SOME HELP FROM THE FRENCH NAVY - TRAPPED THE BRITISH ARMY IN VIRGINIA. THE SURRENDER AT YORKTOWN MARKED THE END OF THE WAR.



THANK GOODNESS! I THOUGHT THIS WAR WOULD NEVER END!

GEORGE COULD HARDLY WAIT TO RETURN TO MOUNT VERNON, MARTHA, AND HIS LIFE AS A FARMER.

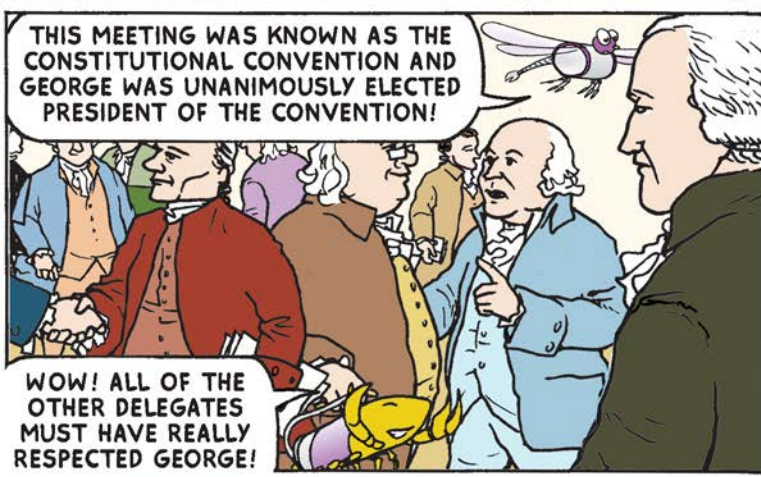


IF ANYONE DESERVES A REST ... IT'S GEORGE WASHINGTON!



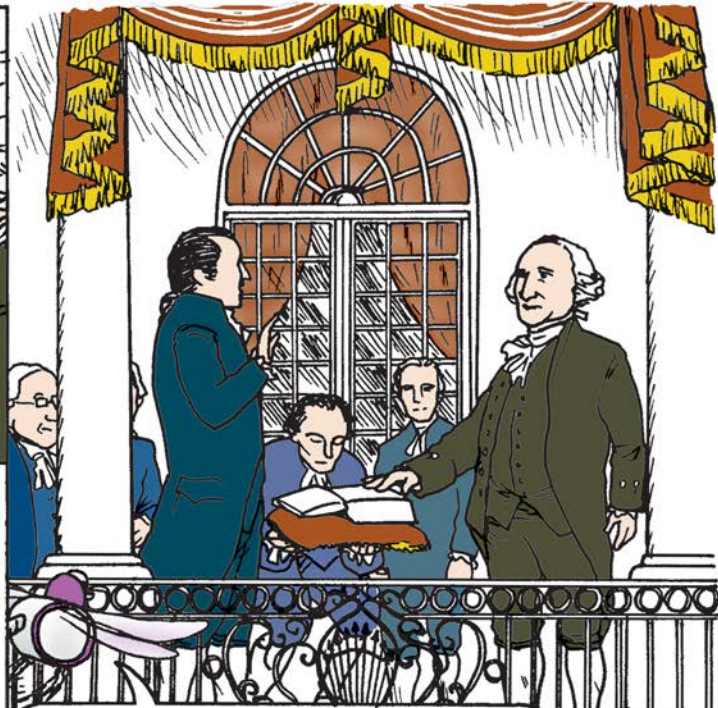
GEORGE'S RETIREMENT TO MOUNT VERNON DID NOT LAST LONG. HE WAS ASKED TO ATTEND A MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA IN THE SUMMER OF 1787.

WHAT KIND OF MEETING WAS IT?



THIS MEETING WAS KNOWN AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND GEORGE WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION!

WOW! ALL OF THE OTHER DELEGATES MUST HAVE REALLY RESPECTED GEORGE!



THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE ELECTED GEORGE UNANIMOUSLY IN 1789 AND AGAIN IN 1792. HE REMAINS THE ONLY PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE 100 PERCENT OF ELECTORAL VOTES. GEORGE WASHINGTON TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON APRIL 30, 1789, AT FEDERAL HALL IN NEW YORK CITY.

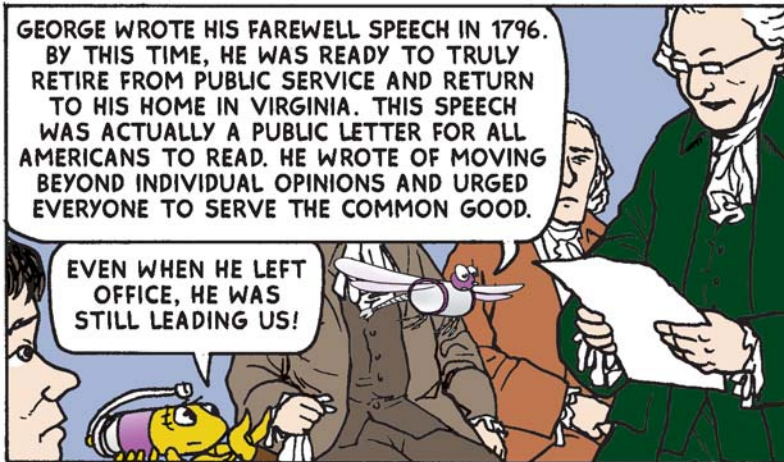
SO THAT'S HOW HE BECAME THE FIRST PRESIDENT!



GEORGE PROVED TO BE A STRONG LEADER. HE PREFERRED THE TITLE OF "MR. PRESIDENT" TO ANY OF THE MORE MAJESTIC NAMES THAT WERE SUGGESTED. HE HELD REGULAR MEETINGS WITH HIS ADVISORS KNOWN AS "THE CABINET." THESE MEETINGS HELPED HIM MAKE BETTER DECISIONS. HE REFUSED TO RUN FOR A THIRD TERM AND THIS DECISION HELPED ESTABLISH THE POLICY OF A MAXIMUM OF TWO TERMS FOR A PRESIDENT. THIS LATER BECAME LAW ACCORDING TO THE 22ND AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.



GEORGE REALLY KNEW HOW TO BE THE FIRST IN LOTS OF THINGS!



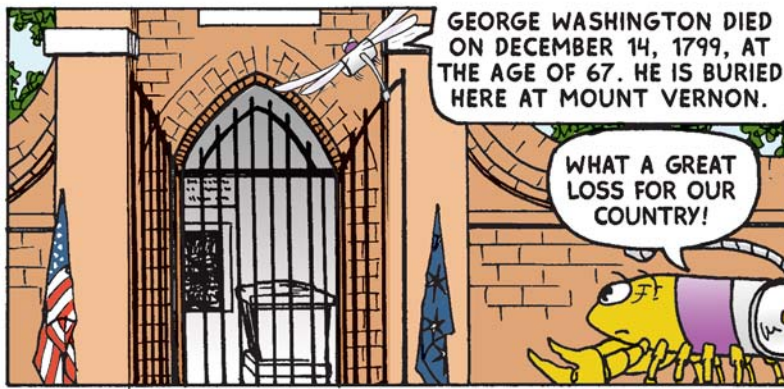
GEORGE WROTE HIS FAREWELL SPEECH IN 1796. BY THIS TIME, HE WAS READY TO TRULY RETIRE FROM PUBLIC SERVICE AND RETURN TO HIS HOME IN VIRGINIA. THIS SPEECH WAS ACTUALLY A PUBLIC LETTER FOR ALL AMERICANS TO READ. HE WROTE OF MOVING BEYOND INDIVIDUAL OPINIONS AND URGED EVERYONE TO SERVE THE COMMON GOOD.

EVEN WHEN HE LEFT OFFICE, HE WAS STILL LEADING US!



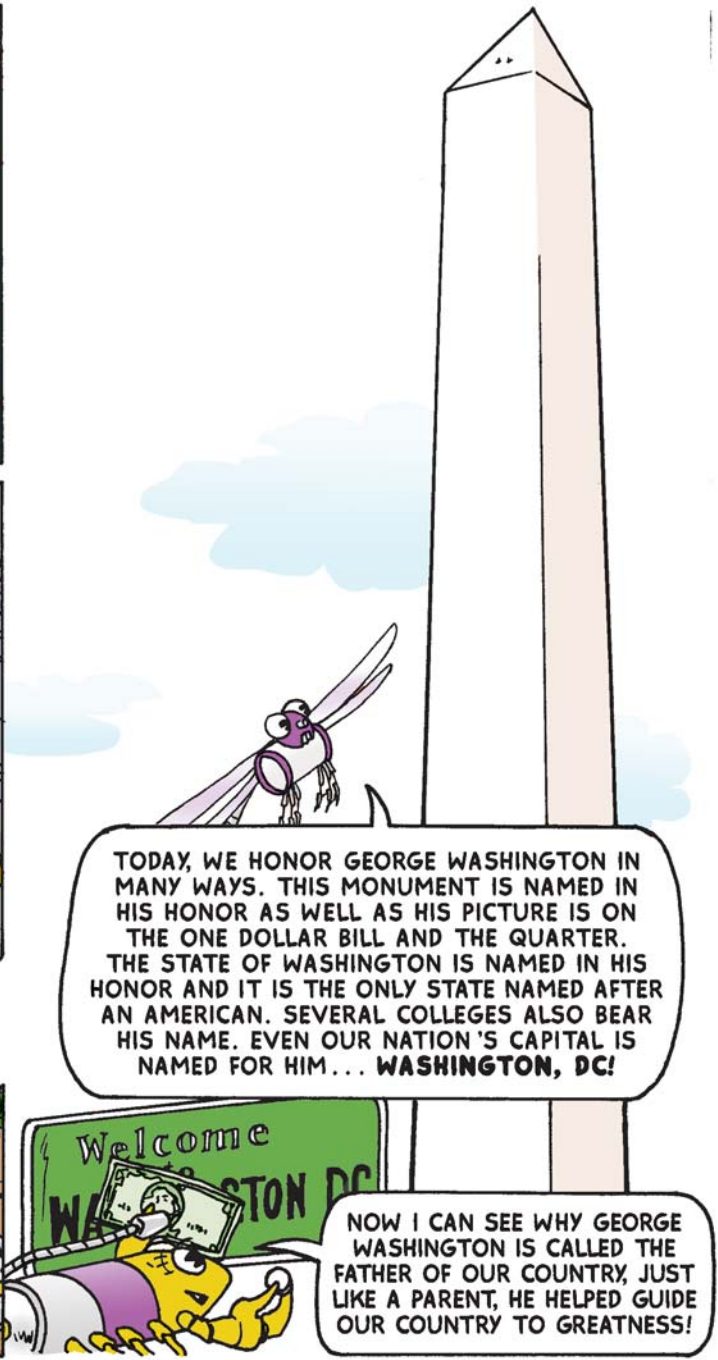
IN DECEMBER 1799 GEORGE SPENT SEVERAL HOURS RIDING HIS HORSE ALL OVER MOUNT VERNON WHILE IT SNOWED AND SLEETED. THE NEXT MORNING, HE AWOKE WITH A BAD COLD AND FEVER.

HE NEEDS TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF!



GEORGE WASHINGTON DIED ON DECEMBER 14, 1799, AT THE AGE OF 67. HE IS BURIED HERE AT MOUNT VERNON.

WHAT A GREAT LOSS FOR OUR COUNTRY!



TODAY, WE HONOR GEORGE WASHINGTON IN MANY WAYS. THIS MONUMENT IS NAMED IN HIS HONOR AS WELL AS HIS PICTURE IS ON THE ONE DOLLAR BILL AND THE QUARTER. THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IS NAMED IN HIS HONOR AND IT IS THE ONLY STATE NAMED AFTER AN AMERICAN. SEVERAL COLLEGES ALSO BEAR HIS NAME. EVEN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL IS NAMED FOR HIM... **WASHINGTON, DC!**



NOW I CAN SEE WHY GEORGE WASHINGTON IS CALLED THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY, JUST LIKE A PARENT, HE HELPED GUIDE OUR COUNTRY TO GREATNESS!