

Literacy Homework



George Washington and Mount Vernon



Mount Vernon is the name of George Washington's home. Mount Vernon is located in Virginia, near Washington, D.C. The mansion stands on a bank high above the Potomac River.

George Washington lived at Mount Vernon before he became a general in the Continental Army. After the war, he came home to Mount Vernon, but left again in 1789 when he was elected first president of the new United States.

Washington was president from 1789 to 1797. He helped shape our young country into a powerful nation. In fact, many people refer to Washington as "The Father of Our Country."

More than a million people visit Mount Vernon each year. If you were to visit there, you would think you were back in George Washington's time! The inside of the house has been restored to look as it did when Washington lived there, including the furniture which was even used by George and Martha Washington!

Mount Vernon is truly one of America's great monuments, and George Washington will always be remembered as a great American!

Fluency & Comprehension - Please answer each question in complete sentences.

1) Complete five 1 minute reads, and record your words per minute score.

Read #1: _____ Read #2: _____ Read #3: _____ Read #4: _____ Read #5: _____

2) Mount Vernon is located in what state?

3) George Washington was a general in what army?

4) What is Washington sometimes referred to as?

5) How many people visit Mount Vernon each year?

Comprehension Common Questions

Name _____

1) What **genre** is this passage?

Fiction or
Non-Fiction?

Traditional Literature Realistic Fiction Science Fiction Historical Fiction Informational Biography Poetry Mystery Fantasy Folktale

2) What **point of view** is this passage?

First Person

Second Person

Third Person

(The author says "I" a lot)

(The author says "you" a lot)

(The author says "he, she or they" a lot)

3) What was the **author's purpose** for writing this passage?

Inform (Facts)

Persuade (To change your mind)

Entertain (Fun)

Explain (How to...)

4) What is the **setting** of this passage? Where does it take place?

5) Write a *complete sentence* stating the **main idea** or topic of this passage.

6) If possible, list a **main character**. List *one word* that could describe that character.

Character:

Adjectives:

7) If possible, list one **contraction** (ex: I am = I'm) and one **compound** word (ex: back + pack = backpack).

Contraction:

Compound:

8) If possible, list one **two-syllable** word, and one **three-syllable** word.

Two-syllable:

Three-syllable:

9) What **event** happened first in this passage?

10) What **event** happened last in this passage?
