



George Washington BINGO

Intended Grade Level: Elementary School

Lesson Purpose: Students will learn historical facts about the life of George Washington using an entertaining game format.

Lesson Objectives:

- To promote increased interest in George Washington.
- To become aware of Washington's significant contributions to American history.

National Standards:

NSS-US.H.K-4.3 THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES: DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND VALUES AND THE PEOPLE FROM MANY CULTURES WHO CONTRIBUTED TO ITS CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL HERITAGE

- Understands how democratic values came to be, and how they have been exemplified by people, events, and symbols
- Understands the causes and nature of movements of large groups of people into and within the United States, now and long ago
- Understands the folklore and other cultural contributions from various regions of the United States and how they helped to form a national heritage

Time frame: Approximately one class session

Procedure:

1. The student will use the list of words on the "Clues and Answers" worksheet (included below) about the life of George Washington to put any 16 words on the BINGO sheet (included below), one word per square.
2. The teacher will read a clue to the students. When the student knows the answer, he/she will mark that word with a marker if it is on his/her BINGO card.



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3. When a student marks 4 boxes in a row (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) he/she shouts "George Washington!" To check student work, the student will read each word marked on the BINGO sheet and tell the clue that was given that goes with that word. All other students will listen for accuracy. If correct, that student wins. If any clue is incorrect, the game continues until there is a winner.



*This has been adapted from a lesson by Tabbie Easter,
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Clues and Answers

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| 1. Surveyor | George Washington's first job |
| 2. Mount Vernon | Name of George Washington's home |
| 3. Revolutionary War | War in which George Washington led the army |
| 4. February | Month in which George Washington was born |
| 5. Virginia | State in which George Washington was born |
| 6. Quarter | Coin that bears George Washington's image |
| 7. Martha Washington | George Washington's wife |
| 8. Wheat | George Washington's main cash crop |
| 9. Mule | Farm animal that Washington introduced to America |
| 10. Math | George Washington's favorite subject |
| 11. Wood | George Washington's teeth were NOT made of this |
| 12. Five | Number of farms at Mount Vernon |
| 13. Six | Number of days per week that slaves worked |
| 14. Lawrence | George Washington's brother |
| 15. Potomac | River that flows by Mount Vernon |
| 16. George Washington | First President of the United States |
| 17. England | Country that America sought independence from |
| 18. Tobacco | Crop that George Washington grew at Mount Vernon |
| 19. Ship | Transported products to and from England |
| 20. Horse | George Washington traveled on this animal |
| 21. Cooper | A person who makes barrels |
| 22. Weaver | A person who makes cloth |
| 23. Eight | Number of years that Washington was President |
| 24. Gristmill | Where wheat and corn were ground up |
| 25. Sixteen | Number of sides on George Washington's barn |
| 26. Washington D.C. | Capital city named after George Washington |
| 27. Billy Lee | Slave that served with George Washington in war |



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