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How Much Do You Know About...

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Tokens (for scorekeeping); Prizes (small) for winner(s)

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this game, we look at one subject in depth – it could be a person, place, event, or thing. As we celebrate Presidents Day, let's see how much you know about ...

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give one answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Just answer the questions to find out how much you know about ...
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1. George Washington was born a citizen of what country?
2. Washington was one of Virginia's largest landowners, amassing 100,000 acres in his lifetime. His family tobacco plantation, now a national historic home, is known by what name?
3. Whom did Washington marry in 1759?
4. Washington commanded the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. Who was his highly competent chief-of-staff, a man who would go on to shape the US economic system and would ultimately die in a duel with Vice President Aaron Burr?
5. Washington is considered the only president ever to be unanimously elected. However, since there was no popular vote in 1789, Washington was the unanimous choice of what group?
6. In those early elections, the man who received the second-greatest number of votes for president became vice president. Who was George Washington's vice president?
7. Throughout his adult life, George Washington suffered especially from this particular physical ailment.
8. Scientists recently examined one of the four known sets of Washington's dentures to see what they were made of. What common myth did the scientists dispel?
9. When Washington took office as president in 1789, there were thirteen stars on the US flag, representing the thirteen original states. How many stars were on the flag when he left office in 1797?
10. Washington is the only president who never lived in Washington, DC because at that time, the nation's capital was in what other city?
11. Washington chose not to serve a third term, setting a two-term tradition that did not actually become law until after this 20th-century president served nearly four terms before he died while in office.

12. In his farewell speech to the nation, Washington warned against three particular dangers: sectionalism (putting small regional issues over the good of the nation); involvement in foreign wars; and this third potential threat to democracy.
13. Congressman Henry Lee, a Revolutionary War comrade, famously eulogized Washington as "First in war, first in peace, and first in ..." What else?
14. George Washington's image appears on which two different forms of current US currency?
15. The Washington Monument stands in the middle of the National Mall in Washington, DC. To the east is the US Capitol building, and to the west is this other presidential monument.

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ANSWERS

1. Great Britain. Although he was born in Virginia in 1732, Washington was born a British subject ... since the United States didn't exist until after the Revolutionary War.
2. Mount Vernon
3. Martha Dandridge Custis, a young widow with two children from her previous marriage and one of the wealthiest women in Virginia
4. Alexander Hamilton
5. The newly formed Electoral College
6. John Adams
7. Dental problems
8. Scientists dispelled the myth that Washington's dentures were made of wood. They actually were made from gold, ivory, lead, and human and animal (probably donkey) teeth.
9. Sixteen. (Vermont was added in 1791, Kentucky in 1792, and Tennessee in 1796.)
10. Philadelphia
11. Franklin Roosevelt
12. Political parties. Washington, who is the only president to belong to no party, felt that partisanship was a threat to American unity.
13. " ... the hearts of his countrymen."
14. The quarter coin and the one dollar bill
15. The Lincoln Memorial