**George Washington Trivia Polls**

**I would like to welcome everyone to our virtual Cocktail party! Sally and I thought we would start out with raising a toast to George and Sulgrave Manor – so no matter what your libation, please raise you glass in toast.**

# In 1754 George Washington commanded forces in the first battle of which war?

# Revolutionary War

# French and Indian War

# Civil War

# Answer: George Washington led 150 soldiers in the first battle of the French and Indian War.

# When was George Washington elected as the first president of the United States?

* 1788
* 1789
* 1790
* Answer: George Washington was elected as the nation's first president on Jan. 7, 1789. John Adams served as Washington's vice president.

# After serving as president, George Washington became one of the nation's largest producers of what product?

* Whiskey
* Tobacco
* Cotton
* Answer: George Washington operated a distillery on his Dogue Run Farm. In 1799 the distillery produced 10,942 gallons (41,420 liters) of whiskey, making it the largest in the U.S. at the time.

# What year was GW born?

* 1730
* 1732
* 1734
* Answer: George Washington was born on Feb. 22, 1732, to Augustine and Mary Ball Washington.

# How many full siblings did George Washington have?

* None
* Four
* Five
* Answer: George Washington was the oldest of six children conceived by Augustine and Mary Washington. George Washington also had three older half-siblings.

# What was GW’s first job?

* Surveyor
* Postmaster
* Blacksmith
* Answer: In 1748, at the age of 16, George Washington began working his first job as a land surveyor.
1. Did GW have a middle name
* True
* False
* Answer: George Washington had no middle name.

# During which speech did George Washington say, "Knowledge is, in every country, the surest basis of public happiness"?

# First annual message to Congress

* Inaugural address
* Farewell address
* Answer: George Washington delivered this oft-quoted line during his first Annual Message to Congress (now the State of the Union address) on Jan. 8, 1790.

# Who did GW marry?

* Betsy Ross
* Martha Dandridge Custis
* Susan B. Anthony
* Answer: George Washington married widow Martha Dandridge Custis on Jan. 6, 1759.

# When was GW first elected to public office?

* 1756
* 1757
* 1758
* Answer: George Washington was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1758 and served until its dissolution in 1775.

# How many children did GW have?

* None
* One
* Two
* Answer: George Washington never fathered any children. He did, however, have two step-children that were brought to the marriage by Martha Custis Washington.

# When was GW appointed commander of the Continental Army?

* 1774
* 1775
* 1776
* Answer: he Second Continental Congress appointed General George Washington commander of the Continental Army on June 15, 1775. Following his appointment in Philadelphia, Washington went directly to Boston to assume command of the Continental Army.

# True or False: As a boy, GW cut down his Father’s cherry tree.

* Answer: The story about George cutting down a cherry tree is false. One of Washington's first biographers, Mason Locke Weems, likely started the rumor.

# GW Was the first person to sign which important American document?

* The Declaration of Independence
* The Constitution
* The Bill of Rights
* Answer: George Washington was the president of the Constitutional Convention and was therefore allowed to be the first person to sign the Constitution.

# GW and his army crossed what icy river on the night of December 25, 1776?

* Potomac
* Allegheny
* Delaware
* Answer: On their way to the Battle of Trenton, General Washington and his army crossed the Delaware River.

# What is the only foreign country George Washington visited?

* Barbados
* England
* France
* Answer:  In 1751 George Washington went to the island of Barbados with his half-brother Lawrence.

# George Washington wrote "liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth" in a letter to which fellow statesman?

* Thomas Jefferson
* Samuel Adams
* James Madison
* Answer: On March 2, 1788, George Washington wrote a letter to James Madison that included this line.

# Where did GW and his troops spend the winter spanning 1777 and 1778?

* Gettysburg, PA
* Valley forge, PA
* Yorktown, VA
* Answer:  In December 1777 General George Washington led his troops to winter quarters in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, where they wintered despite frigid temperature and inadequate supplies.

# George Washington forced the surrender of which British commander at Yorktown?

* General Howe
* Sir Henry Clinton
* General Cornwallis
* Answer:  Troops led by General George Washington attacked the British at Yorktown and forced the surrender of General Charles Cornwallis on Oct. 19, 1781.

# True or false: George Washington once threw a silver dollar across the Potomac River.

* Historians doubt that George Washington actually threw a silver dollar across the Potomac River. The Potomac is more than a mile wide at Mount Vernon, making the feat impossible.

# True or false: George Washington's false teeth were made of wood.

* False: His false teeth, a series of full and partial dentures throughout adulthood, actually comprised a variety of materials, such as bone, ivory and the teeth of other people.