







Each reader's part is highlighted in color.

List of Characters (in order of appearance)

Group 1: Green

Group 2: Blue

Group 3: Orange

All: Red





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Group 3: Today, George Washington's picture is on every quarter and every one-dollar bill!

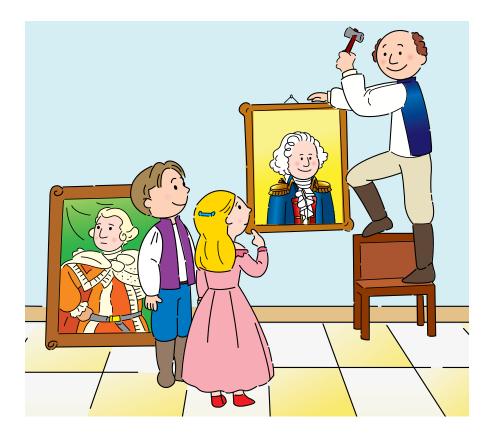
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George Washington

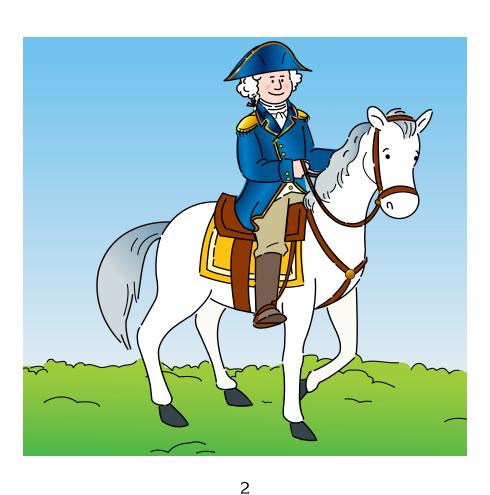
Group 1: The year was 1789. The United States was a young nation.

Group 2: We never had a president before! We only had a king. He was King George of England, and he lived very far away.



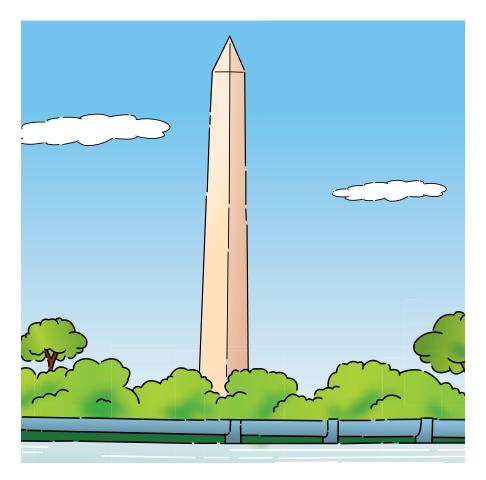
Group 3: America was ready to pick its new leader. We picked George Washington, a man who was a great leader. He helped in the war to free our country from the king.

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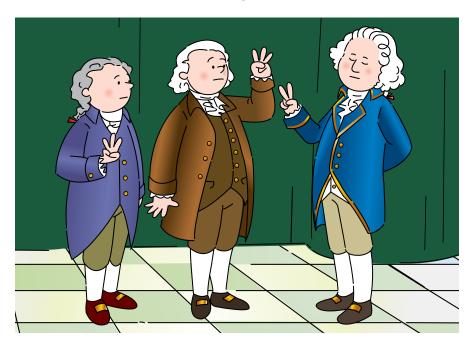


Group 1: George Washington was president more than 200 years ago. We still remember him today. The capital of the United States is called Washington, D.C.

Group 2: A famous building is named after him. It is called the Washington Monument.

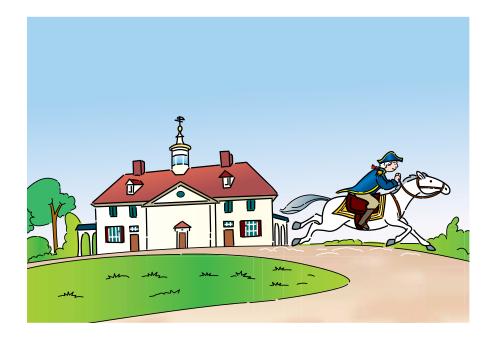


- **Group 1:** Washington was president for four years. Then he was elected again. He was president for four more years.
- Group 2: People wanted Washington to be president again. He said no. He thought that he had been president long enough. He missed his farm very much.
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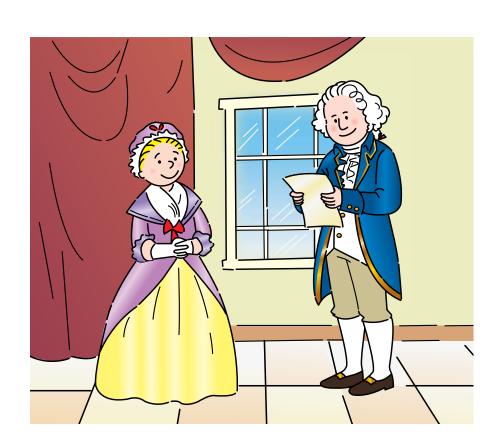
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- Group 1: After the war, Washington went home. He had a farm in Virginia called Mount Vernon.
- Group 2: Washington's farm was very large.
 All day, Washington rode his
 horse. He checked to see how
 his plants were growing.



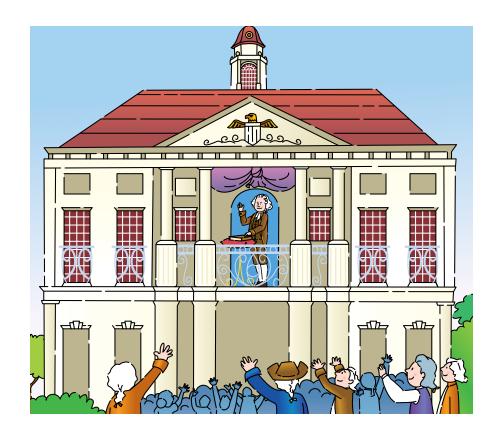
Group 3: One day, Washington received a letter. It said that he had been picked to be president! Washington was sad to leave home. But he was happy to work for the people of the United States.

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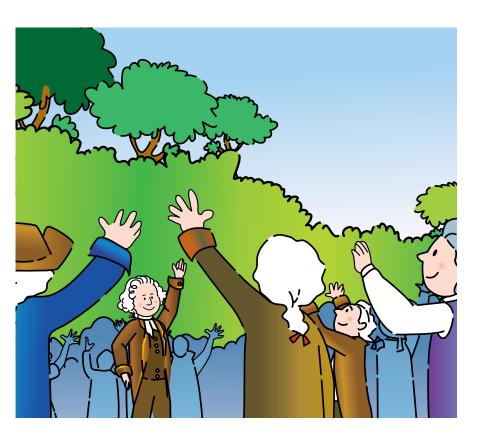


Group 3: Washington put his hand on the Bible. He promised to help take care of the country. After he said these words, Washington kissed the Bible. The crowd yelled:

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Group 2: On the day he was to become president, Washington marched to city hall in a parade. Everyone waved and cheered. Everyone was very excited.



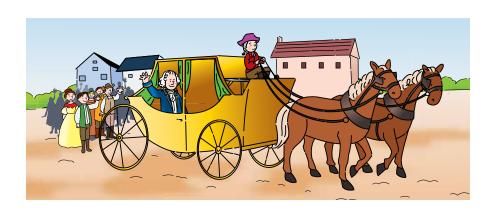
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Group 1: In April 1789, Washington left Virginia. He was going to New York City to be made the first president.

Group 2: Washington passed many cities along the way. Everywhere he went, people wanted to see him. Ladies gave him flowers.

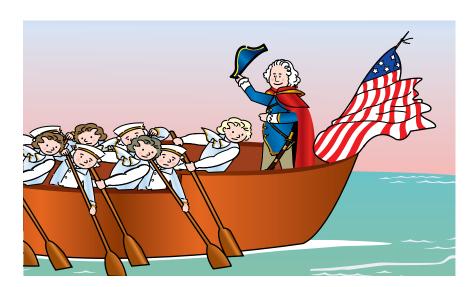
Group 3: Children waved as he passed. Washington waved back.

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- **Group 1:** When he reached New Jersey, a boat took George Washington across the river to New York City.
- Group 2: Thirteen men rowed the boat.

 There was one man for each of the first thirteen states.
- **Group 3:** Other boats flew flags. Some shot cannons. Washington waved to everyone as he sailed by. The people cheered.
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- **Group 1:** People didn't know what to call George Washington. Some people wanted to call him "king."
- **Group 2:** Other people wanted to call him, "Your Highness!"
- Group 3: Since he used to be a soldier, some people wanted to call him "general." Washington had a different idea. He said, "I am not a king. Call me Mr. President!

