GEORGE
WASHINGTON, QUIET
HERO

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READING RIGHT
George Washington was a mature young man. Once when his brother was sick in Barbados, George went to take care of him. George also earned the trust of the leaders of the day. He was a good listener and was able to solve problems. George's military experiences and the respect others had for him made him a likely military leader during the Revolutionary War. After the War was over George thought he had done his part and planned to stay at home. However, the new country wanted him as president. George Washington never thought of himself as a successful president but America did.
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LESSON 1
Sections 1 - 2

1. This type of book written about a real person is called:
   A. Autobiography
   B. Historical fiction
   C. Biography

2. Why had young George never met his brother Lawrence?

3. What trip did Lawrence arrange for George to go on?

4. Before it was called Mount Vernon, the Washington's called their home:
   A. Hunting Creek
   B. Ferry Farm
   C. Fairfax Farm

5. Why do you think George went to Barbados to take care of Lawrence instead of his wife?

6. George admired his brother Lawrence. Describe someone in your family you admire. Why do you admire them?
1. Underline the words that Governor Dunwiddie thought described George Washington.

    Short          Trustworthy          Tough          Cheap

2. Of what tribe was Half King an important leader?

3. Why was Half King upset with the French?
   A. They had attacked his village and burned crops
   B. They had built home on Indian land without asking
   C. They had killed his family and friends

4. What does “submit” mean? “…to take it by force, is what we cannot submit to.”

5. Why do you think George kept a diary in which he wrote down what people had said?

6. If you were Half King would you have been upset about people settling on your land? Explain why you feel that way.
1. Where did George and Martha live?

2. What disease did their daughter Patsy have for which there was no cure?
   A. Small pox
   B. Measles
   C. Epilepsy

3. Even though George was happy at Mount Vernon, what was happening in other colonies that was not so peaceful?

4. Number the following events in the correct order.
   ____ The ride of Paul Revere
   ____ The First Continental Congress
   ____ British soldiers leave Boston
   ____ The Boston Tea party

5. What was George Washington trying to say when he wore his army uniform to the Second Continental Congress?

6. Which side would you have been on, the British or the America? List two reasons to support your choice.
1. What was the weather like when Washington and his troops were trying to cross the Delaware River to surprise the enemy?

2. Why were American soldiers leaving the army?

3. Who were the Hessians?

4. Why was George Washington called the old fox?

5. Benedict Arnold was a traitor to the American Army. What made him turn against his friends?

6. Think of the characteristics of George Washington. Choose one and explain how you are similar.
1. From what state was Washington a delegate?

2. Where did the first president take the oath of office?
   A. New York
   B. Washington D.C.
   C. Philadelphia

3. What does “dignified” mean? “L’Enfant imagined a dignified capital city…”

4. Why was George Washington chosen to be the first president?

5. Why did Washington think he had been a failure as a president?

6. Describe two ways George Washington was a good president.
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ANSWER KEY

LESSON 1
1. C
2. George had not met his brother because Lawrence had been away at school in England.
3. Lawrence arranged for George to go on a surveying trip for the Fairfaxes in the Virginia wilderness.
4. A
5. Answers will vary. Lawrence’s wife may have needed to stay behind to take care of their home and family. Lawrence and George may have been protecting her so she wouldn’t get sick. George was stronger and could help Lawrence more, also George didn’t have a job or family obligations.
6. Answers will vary.

LESSON 2
1. The words that should be underlined are TOUGHT and TRUSTWORTHY.
2. Half King was the leader of the Iroquois.
3. A
4. Submit means to yield or surrender.
5. Answers may vary. George kept a diary so he wouldn’t forget things he had heard and learned. It helped him to keep all the information.
6. Answers will vary.

LESSON 3
1. George and Martha made their home at Mount Vernon.
2. C
3. Answers may vary. In the other colonies there was trouble over the English taxes, there were parades and rallies against English taxes and rules, Boston was forced to have the English soldiers take over their city, there was the Boston tea party, and the first Continental Congress was held.
4. The correct order is 3, 2, 4, and 1.
5. Answers may vary. By wearing his army uniform Washington was saying that it was time to fight.
6. Answers will vary.

LESSON 4
1. When Washington and his troops were crossing the Delaware it was snowing and hailing.
2. The American soldiers were leaving the army because their enlistment time was over. They had signed up for a certain amount of months and when there time was done they wanted to leave.
3. The Hessians were paid German soldiers who were fighting for the British.
4. Washington was called the old fox because he always had one more trick to play and foxes are thought to be tricky.
5. Answers may vary. Benedict Arnold turned against his friends and new country because his feelings had been hurt and he was offered money to sell secrets to the enemy.
6. Answers will vary.

LESSON 5
1. From what state was Washington a delegate?
2. A
3. Dignified means to be able to show or express esteem or true worth, to be stately.
4. Answers may vary. Washington was chosen to be the first president because he was honest. He hadn’t made many enemies, and he hadn’t accepted money for his military service. People trusted that his mind was focused on the county’s good rather than on his own ambitions.
5. Washington thought he had been a failure as the president because people were always criticizing him.
6. Answers will vary.