

Lesson 1
READ THIS STORY #2, Basic

Washington

Washington is called the “father of our country.” He was born in 1732. He owned a plantation near Alexandria, Virginia. As a young man, Washington served as an army officer in the French and Indian War. Then he became a member of the Virginia legislature.

When the Revolutionary War began, he was selected by the Continental Congress to be the commander of our first army. The army was composed of volunteer militias from all thirteen states. The men lacked both training and supplies. General Washington had to be a magician as well as a tactician to mold these soldiers into a victorious army.

When the war was over, Washington became the first American president. He was selected because people respected his courage and judgment. After his second term, he retired to his plantation, and he died two years later.