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Who was elected the first president of the United States?

The first president of the United States was George Washington.

George Washington grew up in Virginia, where his father owned a plantation. There were seven children: six boys and one girl. Young George was a good student and liked mathematics. His father died when he was 11. He was then in the care of his brother, Lawrence. He was just 16 when he started working. George Washington would soon join the army as an officer.

Because of his military experience, Washington was appointed commander of the Continental Army during the American Revolution (1775-1783). After leading the Americans to victory in the American Revolution, he resigned his military command and returned to Mount Vernon to pursue work on his plantation. In 1787, he presided over the Philadelphia Convention. Two years later, in 1789, he was elected the first president of the United States. He served two terms as president.

George Washington is considered the Father of the Nation. His portrait appears on the dollar bill and 25 cent coin. The federal capital, of Washington D.C., is named in his honor.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. Where was George Washington born?

- a. Washington, D.C.
- b. Georgia
- c. Virginia
- d. None of the above



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2. How many terms did George Washington serve as president?

- a. three
- b. one
- c. two
- d. four



3. Where does the portrait of George Washington appear?

- a. on the one dollar bill
- b. on a dime
- c. on the hundred dollar bill
- d. on the fifty cent coin

4. George Washington is considered the _____.

- a. Father of the Land
- b. Leader of Virginia
- c. Love of the Town
- d. Father of the Nation

