

A Day to Honor

Recognize George Washington Day and ways communities honor it.

2.3.i "George Washington Day (commonly known as Presidents' Day);"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the two names of the holiday. Circle three actions people can use to honor George Washington, so you can see how communities recognize this tradition.

George Washington Day

- ① Virginia recognizes George Washington Day on the third Monday in February. Many people call it Presidents' Day. The holiday honors George Washington, who was the first president of the United States and lived in Virginia.
- ② Communities may honor Washington by holding a ceremony, sharing stories about his life, or visiting a historic place. Schools may learn about his work as president. These actions help people remember why the holiday matters.
- ③ Families can recognize the holiday in simple ways. They might read a book about Washington, talk about presidents, or attend a local event. When people share these traditions, they connect their community to the nation's history.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 What holiday does Virginia recognize on the third Monday in February? What is its common name?

- 2 Name one way a community may honor George Washington Day.

- 3 How do shared holiday traditions connect a community to history?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Plan a new George Washington Day activity for your class or community. Write two sentences that tell what people will do and how the activity will help them remember national history.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the two names of the holiday. Circle three actions people can use to honor George Washington, so you can see how communities recognize this tradition. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What holiday does Virginia recognize on the third Monday in February? What is its common name?	Virginia recognizes George Washington Day. Its common name is Presidents' Day.
2	Name one way a community may honor George Washington Day.	Answers may include holding a ceremony, sharing stories about Washington's life, or visiting a historic place.
3	How do shared holiday traditions connect a community to history?	They connect the community to the nation's history.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our class will make a paper quilt with facts about George Washington. We will display it in the library so visitors can learn why George Washington Day is important.

Accept equivalent holiday names and any passage-based honoring action. For the open response, accept a realistic activity plus a clear explanation of how it helps people remember George Washington or national history.