

Washington's Lasting Name

Read about George Washington's work for the new United States.

2.7.h "George Washington (known as the "Father of our Country")."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that show how George Washington helped the new country. Circle the special name people use for him.

A Leader for a New Country

- ① George Washington helped lead the American colonists during the Revolutionary War. After the war, people trusted him to help build the new United States. He became the first president of the United States in 1789.
- ② He served as president for eight years. Washington worked in Philadelphia, which was the nation's capital then. He listened to advisers and made choices for the young country. He did not want to be a king, so he left office after two terms.
- ③ Many people call George Washington the Father of our Country. This name shows that people remember his important work in helping start the United States government. Washington owned enslaved people, a wrong practice that harmed many people.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What did George Washington help do during the Revolutionary War?

2 What job did George Washington have in 1789?

3 What does the name Father of our Country show that people remember about George Washington?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a two-sentence museum label about George Washington. Tell who he was and explain why people call him the Father of our Country.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that show how George Washington helped the new country. Circle the special name people use for him. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did George Washington help do during the Revolutionary War?	He helped lead the American colonists.
2	What job did George Washington have in 1789?	He became the first president of the United States.
3	What does the name Father of our Country show that people remember about George Washington?	People remember his important work in helping start the United States government.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

George Washington was the first president of the United States. People call him the Father of our Country because he helped build the new government.

Accept answers that identify Washington as a leader during the Revolutionary War, the first president, and a person remembered for helping begin the new government. For the museum label, accept two accurate sentences that include his role and a reason for the special name.