

George Washington

22 February 1732 - 14 December 1799

1st President of the United States of America



Private life

- * from a mildly prosperous family in Virginia
- * was 11 when his father died
- * received an elementary school education
- * started working for Lord Fairfax, head of one of the most powerful families in Virginia
- * married Martha Custis

Career :

- joined the Virginia militia and served in the French and Indian War
 - 1758 : elected to the House of Burgesses
- 1775 : chosen as the Commander in Chief of the Colonial Army and helped defeat the British and gain independence
 - was unanimously elected President of the USA in 1789 and 1792

What to remember of his presidency?



strong leadership qualities

established peace treaties with Native American tribes

& reduced the nation's debt

the Bill of Rights = the first 10 amendments to the Constitution

✿ considered as one of the **FOUNDING FATHERS** of his country

