

Timeline of Washington's Life

Here is a basic timeline of George Washington's life. There are links to images if you want to include them on the timeline.

Cover the timeline and introduce one fact at a time. Ask the students which of the rules the person who wrote the rules would use to help him be successful at that stage in his life. Don't reveal who the person is until the end of the timeline.

1. 1732: born on a modest Virginia plantation
http://www.nps.gov/gewa/photosmultimedia/index%2Ehtm?eid=117882&root_alid=507#e_117882
2. 1738: moved to Ferry Farm on the Rappahannock River across from the town of Fredericksburg http://www.kenmore.org/ferryfarm/farm_history.html
3. 1743: 11 years old and father dies – inherits 10 slaves
4. 1744: copies “110 Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company & Conversation.” <http://gwpapers.virginia.edu/documents/civility/civ01.html>
5. 1746: formal schooling ends; favorite subject is math; continues learning and reading; never goes to college
6. 1747: at 15 gets a job on a ship in the British Navy but his mother finds out and says no
7. 1749: after learning to be a surveyor on the job, at 17 becomes county surveyor for the frontier county of Culpepper (Copy and paste the first URL. It is an image.)
<http://www.mrsoshouse.com/puzpro/mountvernon/washingtonyoungsurvey.jpg>
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/guide/gmillspc.html>
8. 1755-58: commander of Virginia's militia in the French and Indian War
<http://explorepahistory.com/displayimage.php?imgId=2444>
9. 1758: Returns to private life
10. 1759: marries Martha Dandridge Custis
11. 1765: Farmer, Architect, Businessman, and Fisherman: begins to increase his plantation 2,000 to 8000 acres and separates it into 5 farms; designed and built his simple farmhouse into a 20 room mansion, designed and built all twelve

outbuildings; experimented with over 60 crops and ways to make Virginia soil more fertile; introduced the mule to America; ran a fishery on the Potomac River;
<http://emuseum.mountvernon.org/code/emuseum.asp?style=browse¤trecord=33&page=search&profile=objects&searchdesc=Fine%20Arts&searchstring=classification/.is/.Fine%20Arts/.true/.false&sessionid=01D31A27-8453-4AFE-B4D9-9EB7F7DA9CE0&action=advsearch&style=single¤trecord=34>

12. 1775-1783 Commander in Chief of the Continental Army
13. 1789 – 1797 First President of the United States
14. The following site has many images of George Washington's life
http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.mrsoshouse.com/puzpro/mountvernon/washingtonyoungsurvey.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.mrsoshouse.com/puzpro/mtvernon.html&usg=__U_HAqMivXfzSZxXN5uwtJK2Xz1k=&h=1600&w=1200&sz=610&hl=en&start=10&um=1&itbs=1&tbnid=caaf15Gv8UqPIM:&tbnh=150&tbnw=113&prev=/images%3Fq%3Dwashington%2Bsurveyor%2Bimages%26um%3D1%26hl%3Den%26client%3Dsafari%26sa%3DN%26rls%3Den%26tbs%3Disch:1

Additional Resources:

Interactive Timeline for George Washington at
<http://www.discovergeorgewashington.org/>

Meet George Washington
http://www.mountvernon.org/learn/meet_george/index.cfm/