

**George Washington**

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In 1776, America and England were at war. George Washington was made leader of the new American army, which was called the Continental Army. The Continental Army, however, had no fighting experience and few supplies. Throughout the war, Washington's army suffered from food and clothing shortages. Some soldiers, many of whom were just teenagers, lacked shoes or blankets to sleep with at night. Soldiers in the army were often freezing cold, sick, and suffering from disease.

Despite the many problems and setbacks, and after six long years of fighting, Washington led the Continental Army to victory over the English and America became a free nation. It seemed an impossible fight. The English army was considered the most powerful in the world, but Washington had somehow led his army to victory.

America would be forever grateful to George Washington. He'd be called "father of our country." He'd be America's first president and would have cities, a state, monuments, colleges, highways, and parks named after him. His face is on our one-dollar bill and quarter.

**1. The Continental Army...**

- A. seemed like a powerful fighting force.
- B. seemed like it had no chance against the English army.
- C. was usually healthy and had plenty of food.
- D. was considered the most powerful army in the world.

**2. After six long years...**

- A. Washington led the English army to victory and American became free.
- B. Washington led the Continental Army to victory and America became free.
- C. Washington would have lots of things named after him.
- D. the English army became the most powerful in the world.

**3. Which of the following best describes the first paragraph?**

- A. It explains how the Continental Army won the war
- B. It explains how famous George Washington was
- C. It explains how the Continental Army was in bad shape
- D. It explains how powerful the English army was

**4. Why was Washington called the “father of our country?”**

- A. He was thought to be a great father
- B. He fought against the English
- C. He helped make America its own country
- D. He became very famous in America