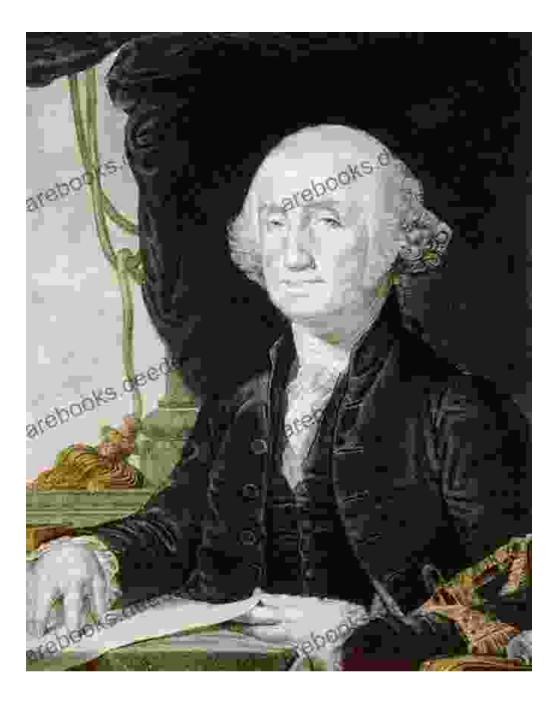
# The Patriot Who Was The First President Of The United States: A Long and Inspiring Journey



George Washington, the first president of the United States, was a true patriot who dedicated his life to serving his country. He was a brilliant

military strategist and a skilled politician who helped to shape the future of the United States.



#### **Early Life and Career**

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He was the eldest of six children born to Augustine and Mary Ball Washington. His father was a wealthy planter and his mother was the daughter of a prominent judge.

Washington received a basic education at home and then attended a local school. He showed an early interest in military affairs and joined the Virginia militia at the age of 16. In 1753, he was appointed as a surveyor for the Ohio Company, which was a land speculation company.

In 1754, Washington was sent to the Ohio Valley to deliver a message to the French, who were encroaching on British territory. The French refused to leave and Washington was forced to retreat. The following year, he returned to the Ohio Valley with a force of British regulars and Virginia militia. He defeated the French at the Battle of Fort Necessity, but was forced to surrender after running out of supplies.

Washington's military career continued during the French and Indian War (1754-1763). He was promoted to the rank of colonel and commanded the Virginia Regiment. He fought in several battles, including the Battle of Monongahela and the Battle of Fort Duquesne.

After the war, Washington returned to Virginia and retired to his plantation, Mount Vernon. He married Martha Dandridge Custis, a wealthy widow, in 1759. They had no children together, but Washington adopted Martha's two children from her previous marriage.

#### The American Revolution

In 1774, Washington was elected to the Continental Congress, which was a meeting of delegates from the thirteen American colonies. He served as the president of the Congress from 1775 to 1777.

In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began. Washington was appointed as the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. He led the army to victory in several battles, including the Battle of Trenton and the Battle of Yorktown.

After the war, Washington resigned his commission as commander-in-chief and returned to Mount Vernon. He was elected as the first president of the United States in 1789.

#### Presidency

Washington's presidency was marked by a number of important events, including the adoption of the Bill of Rights, the establishment of the federal government, and the creation of the Supreme Court. He also oversaw the expansion of the United States westward and the development of a national economy.

Washington retired from the presidency in 1797 and returned to Mount Vernon. He died on December 14, 1799, at the age of 67.

#### Legacy

George Washington is considered one of the most important figures in American history. He was a brilliant military strategist and a skilled politician who helped to shape the future of the United States. His legacy continues to inspire Americans today.

Washington's image is featured on the dollar bill, the quarter, and the fivedollar bill. He is also the namesake of the state of Washington, the nation's capital, and numerous cities and towns across the country.

Washington is remembered as a patriot, a military hero, and a founding father. He is an inspiration to all Americans and his legacy will continue to inspire for generations to come.



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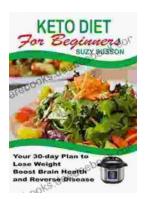




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