

Download George Washington : Ordinary Man, Extraordinary Leader

In this portrait, Washington at Window, circa 1796 (artist unknown), a thoughtful George Washington pauses from his writing for a moment. Late 18th-century America still had a relatively small population, yet this group of major figures looms larger and appears more talented than any similar group. Read an Excerpt. CHAPTER 1 New York, without exaggeration, is the pivot on which the entire Revolutionary War turns. —John Adams. The execution of Nathan Hale on September 22, 1776, was the lowest point in a month of low points for General George Washington. George Herbert Walker Bush (June 12, 1924 – November 30, 2018) was an American politician who served as the 41st president (1989–1993) and the 43rd vice president of the United States (1981–1989). Read an Excerpt. Read "Surprising Facts About George Washington" from Washington: A Life by Ron Chernow. Prelude The Portrait Artist. In March 1793 Gilbert Stuart crossed the North Atlantic for the express purpose of painting President George Washington, the supreme prize of the age for any ambitious portrait artist.