

The USCIS 96: Questions 12-13

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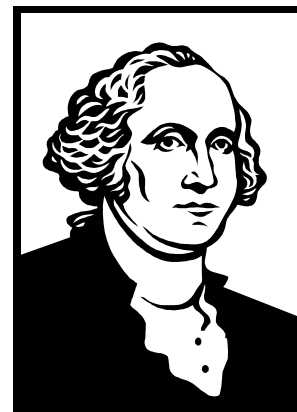
Question 12: Who was the first president of the United States?

Answer 12: George Washington

We honor George Washington as the first President of the United States. After leading the military campaign to win American independence, Washington played an important role in the new nation's formation. He was the elected leader of the meeting, or convention, that was held to create the Constitution. Later on, Washington's service as the first U.S. President set a tradition for future presidents to follow. For example, he refused to try to become President more than twice. This began the very democratic tradition of a President not serving more than two terms. This limit is now required by a Constitutional Amendment.



George Washington crossing the Delaware River during the American Revolutionary



The 1st U.S. President
George Washington
1789-1797



The 43rd U.S. President
George W. Bush
2001-present

Question 13: Who is the President of the United States today?

Answer 13: George W. Bush

George W. Bush is the 43rd President of the United States. He was the Governor of Texas before winning the presidential election of 2000. Four years later, Bush won election to a second term as President. The name of the President's wife, called "the First Lady," is Laura. President Bush's father was the 41st President of the United States. His name is also George. He was President from 1989 until 1993.

See:

EL/Civics: George Washington http://www.elcivics.com/esl_george_washington.html

Wikipedia: President http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States

The White House: Presidents <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/>

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