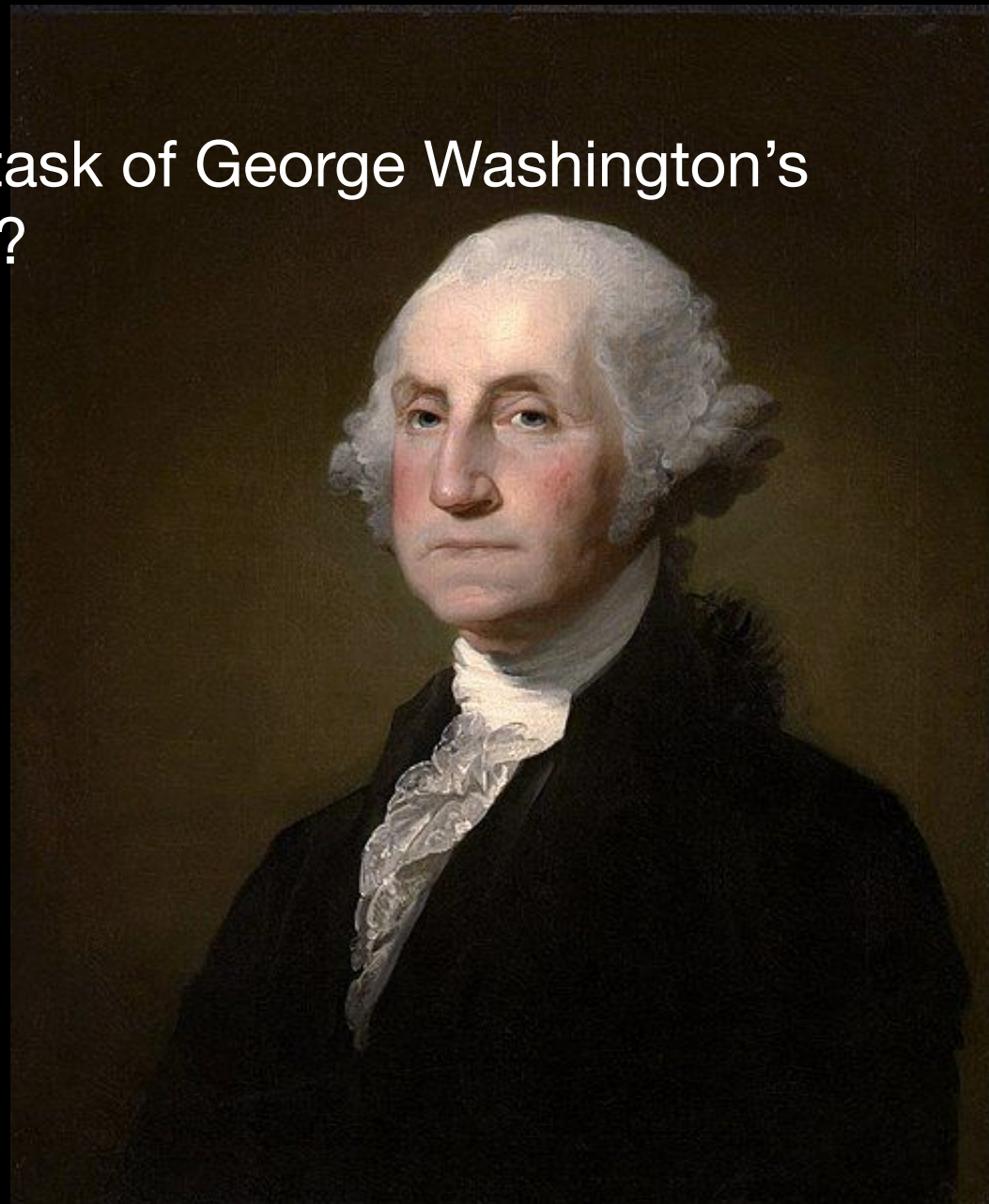


Do Now

What is the most important task of George Washington's first term as president? Why?



Direct Instruction

Cabinet

Noun

a body of advisers to the president, composed of the heads of the executive departments of the government

Appoint

Verb

to assign a job or a role to (someone)

Electoral College

Noun

a body of people representing the states of the US who formally cast votes for the election of president & VP

Electoral College 2000 Election

2000 United States presidential election



← 1996

November 7, 2000

2004 →

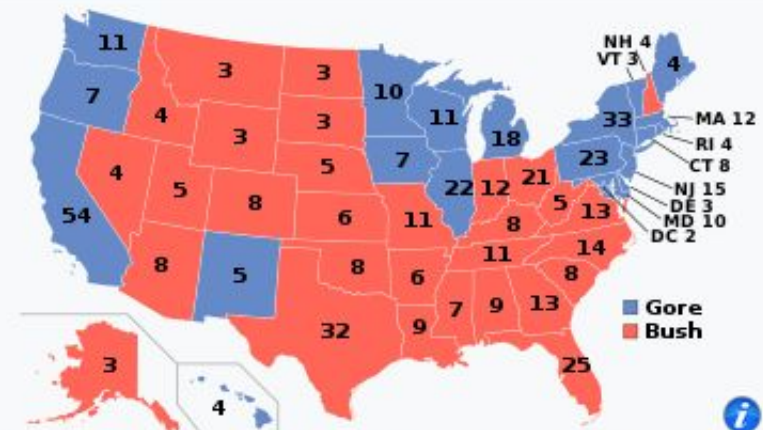
537 electoral votes (+1 abstaining) of the Electoral College
270 electoral votes needed to win

Turnout

51.2%^[1] ▲ 2.2 pp



Nominee	George W. Bush	Al Gore
Party	Republican	Democratic
Home state	Texas	Tennessee
Running mate	Dick Cheney	Joe Lieberman
Electoral vote	271	266 ^[2]
States carried	30	20 + DC
Popular vote	50,456,002	50,999,897
Percentage	47.9%	48.4%



Presidential election results map. Red denotes states won by Bush/Cheney, blue denotes those won by Gore/Lieberman. One of D.C.'s three electors abstained. Numbers indicate electoral votes allotted to the winner of each state.

President before election


Bill Clinton
Democratic

Elected President

George W. Bush
Republican

Electoral College 2016 Election

2016 United States presidential election





← 2012 **November 8, 2016** 2020 →

538 members of the [Electoral College](#)
270 electoral votes needed to win

Opinion polls
55.7%^[1] ▲ 0.8 pp

Turnout

Nominee	Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton
Party	Republican	Democratic
Home state	New York	New York
Running mate	Mike Pence	Tim Kaine
Electoral vote	304^[a]	227 ^[a]
States carried	30 + ME-02	20 + DC
Popular vote	62,984,828	65,853,514
Percentage	46.1%	48.2%



Inquiry Question:

How did the early government establish itself and meet the needs of the growing country?

Model:

Title:

George Washington had no desire to be president after the Constitutional Convention. His dream was to settle down to a quiet life at his Virginia estate, Mount Vernon. The American people had other ideas, though. They wanted a strong national leader of great authority as their first president. As the hero of the Revolution, Washington was the unanimous choice in the first presidential ballot. When the news reached him on April 16, 1789, Washington reluctantly accepted the call to duty. Two days later he set out for New York City to take the oath of office.

“About ten o’clock I bade adieu [farewell] to Mount Vernon, to private life, and to domestic felicity [happiness];

Main Idea:

and with a mind oppressed with more anxious and painful sensations than I have words to express, set out for New York . . . with the best dispositions [intentions] to render service to my country in obedience to its call, but with less hope of answering its expectations.” – *Diary of George Washington*

When Washington took office as the first president of the United States under the Constitution, he and Congress faced a daunting task—to create an entirely new government. The momentous decisions that these early leaders made have resounded through American history.