**Founding Fathers Webquest**

**Directions: Use the websites below to answer the questions. Type your answers in complete sentences if needed.**

**George Washington**

**Go to:** [**http://www.ducksters.com/biography/uspresidents/georgewashington.php**](http://www.ducksters.com/biography/uspresidents/georgewashington.php)

1. What army did George Washington lead to victory over the British during the American Revolution?

2. What kind of work did Washington do when he was 16?

3. What militia did Washington become a leader at the start of the French and Indian War?

4. What did Washington do after the French and Indian War?

5. What position was Washington appointed to during the American Revolution?

6. What are two of Washington’s most famous victories during the American Revolution?

7. What did Washington form during his presidency to help him govern the country?

8. Why did George Washington step down from the presidency after eight years?

9. What makes Washington’s election different from other presidents?

10. What did Washington’s will say about his slaves?

**John Adams**

**Go to:** [**http://www.ducksters.com/biography/uspresidents/johnadams.php**](http://www.ducksters.com/biography/uspresidents/johnadams.php)

11. Where was John Adams born?

12. What did John Adams help write that declared the colonies free from British rule?

13. What was John Adams’ job before he was elected president?

14. What document did Adams help write that ended the Revolutionary War?

15. What was Adams’ main accomplishment during his presidency?

16. What is the coincidence about John Adams’ death?

**Thomas Jefferson**

**Go to:** <http://www.ducksters.com/biography/uspresidents/thomasjefferson.php>

17. What is the name of Thomas Jefferson’s political party?

18. What famous document did Jefferson write?

19. Name two jobs Jefferson had before he became president.

20. What is one of the first things Jefferson did during his presidency?

21. What did Jefferson do that made him popular with the people?

22. What did Jefferson purchase that doubled the size of the United States?

23. Who did Jefferson appoint to explore the western territory he purchased from France?

**Go to:** [**http://www.ducksters.com/biography/ben\_franklin.php**](http://www.ducksters.com/biography/ben_franklin.php)

**Benjamin Franklin**

24. Name three areas Ben Franklin excelled.

25. What was Franklin’s job when he lived in Philadelphia?

26. What newspaper did Franklin first write that made him famous?

27. What was Franklin’s key role during the Revolutionary War?

28. What was Franklin the only Founding Father to do?

29. What did Franklin invent to keep buildings safe from lightning?

30. What did Franklin do to his slaves later in life?

**Go to:** <http://www.ducksters.com/biography/uspresidents/jamesmadison.php>

**James Madison**

31. What is James Madison’s nickname?

32. How was Madison influential during the Revolutionary War?

33. What did Madison do instead of updating the Articles of Confederation?

34. What did Madison write to persuade the states to approve the Constitution? What did the document describe?

35. What famous painting did Madison’s wife save before the British burned the White House?

36. Why did Madison ask Congress to declare War on Britain?

37. What battle during the War of 1812 increased the popularity of Madison?

**Go to:** [**http://mrnussbaum.com/amrevolution/john-jay/**](http://mrnussbaum.com/amrevolution/john-jay/)

**John Jay**

38. What position did John Jay hold in 1778?

39. What are two things John Jay wanted to accomplish during his tenure as secretary of foreign affairs?

40. Why was John Jay not able to accomplish any of his goals as secretary of foreign affairs?

41. Describe the *Federalists Papers* John Jay helped write.

42. What did the Federalists Papers help convince the states to approve?

43. What document did John Jay help make the supreme law of the new nation?

44. What treaty did John Jay help write that established peaceful relations and restored trade with Britain?

**Go to:** <http://mrnussbaum.com/amrevolution/hamilton/>

**Alexander Hamilton**

45. How did Alexander Hamilton gain political prominence?

46. What was Hamilton’s job during the American Revolution?

47. What position did George Washington appoint Hamilton after he was elected president?

48. What is Hamilton credited with establishing?

49. Who did Hamilton keep from becoming president?

50. How was Hamilton killed?

**Critical Thinking Questions**

51. How are George Washington and Thomas Jefferson similar? How are they different?

52. Which Founding Father do you think had the most influence on the founding of America? Use evidence from the webquest to support your answer.

53. Which of the Founding Fathers do you think had the least influence on the founding of America? Use evidence from the webquest to support your answer.

54. What are two things you found interesting about the Founding Fathers?