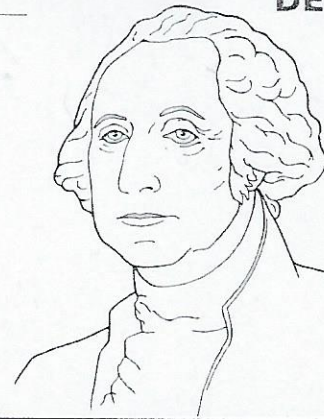


Day 2

WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL



On December 4, 1783, General George Washington said farewell to his officers in a tavern in New York City, New York.

Washington felt that his job as general was complete. He had led the 13 colonies to victory over one of the most powerful countries in the world.

On November 25, 1783, Washington led his soldiers into New York City as the last of the British soldiers left for England. About a week later, the General said goodbye to his officers.

The meeting with his officers was a very emotional one. Washington asked that each officer "...come and take me by the hand." General Washington wept as he embraced his men.

At the meeting, the officers knew that they were saying goodbye to a man who had done a great deal for the newly founded country.

Washington had aged during the war for the independence of America. He was 51 years old. He was now wearing glasses. He told his officers, "I have grown gray in your service and now find myself growing blind."

Washington left New York and traveled to Philadelphia before arriving in Annapolis, Maryland. It was in Annapolis, where Congress was meeting, that Washington resigned as Commander in Chief.

After leaving Maryland, Washington arrived at his home in Mount Vernon, Virginia, in time for Christmas. He had hoped to retire to Mount Vernon. He wanted to enjoy the company of his wife, to look after his plantation, and to do the things he enjoyed most.

Washington's dreams were short-lived. Six years later, General Washington became President Washington, the first President of the United States of America.

Name _____

WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL

Write the statements so that they are true.

1. Washington said his farewell in a Philadelphia tavern.

2. George Washington became the first President of the southern states.

3. Washington arrived home just in time for Thanksgiving.

4. He hoped to retire to his home in Mount Pleasant.

5. On November 25, 1783, Washington led his soldiers into Baltimore.

6. It was in Washington, D.C., where Congress was meeting, that the General resigned.

7. The General hoped to retire so that he could enjoy the company of his family.

8. The meeting with his officers was a very happy one.

9. Washington was now wearing a hearing aid.

10. Washington, now 61 years old, resigned as Commander in Chief.

Research: Find *George Washington* in an encyclopedia. Where was he born?