

# Gristmill and Patent Questions

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Instructions: Answer the following questions based on the video you saw of Mount Vernon's Gristmill. Then, think about how inventions fit into the larger ideals of America.

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1. What is unique about Oliver Evans's Gristmill design? Why would Washington want to use this system?

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2. What does this tell you about George Washington's interests and values?

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3. What does this invention say about American values and needs at this time in history?

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4. The historic patent office was located halfway between the White House and the Capitol making it a symbolically significant place. Why do you think the Patent Office was such an important building? How does it exemplify American ideals?

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