

“Overview of the Gristmill” Questions

Read the “Overview of the Gristmill” article from Mount Vernon’s Digital Encyclopedia:
<http://www.mountvernon.org/digital-encyclopedia/article/overview-of-the-gristmill/>

Use the knowledge you have gained from the text and images, as well as critical thinking, to answer the following questions.

1. When did George Washington first get into the milling business?

2. When did he upgrade his mill with the Evans system?

3. How does the Evans system reduce the amount of labor required for milling?

4. How did Washington first hear about the Evans system?

5. How was Washington able to see the Evans system in action before he installed it himself?

6. What benefits did Washington hope to gain in upgrading his mill with the Evans system?

7. Using critical thinking, describe how installing the Evans system could have been risky for Washington.

8. Study at the diagram. How did the Evans system turn grain into flour?

9. What was the result of Washington's installation of the Evans system in his mill?

10. Why did Oliver Evans publish *The Young Mill-Wright & Millers Guide*?
