

Explore Art History!



Paintings are an important tool in helping us understand history. This painting, done by Gilbert Stuart in 1806, depicts George Washington standing atop Dorchester Heights (a hill in Boston overlooking the harbor), either during or just after an American victory.

Let's take a closer look and figure out what this painting tells us about the events of 1775. Can you answer the following discussion prompts below?

1. Is this painting an example of a primary source or a secondary source?
2. Describe the painting. What do you see? What's happening?
3. Would you describe this as a dramatic scene?
4. How does Washington look?
5. How does Washington compare to the other elements in this painting?
6. Why do you think the artist did that? What does the artist want us to think about Washington?

General Howe Evacuating Boston, J. Godfrey after MA Wegeman 1776



Fall Homeschool Day Kids Guide

Did you know?

John Paul Jones is considered the father of the US Navy.

Did you know?

The US Navy and US Marine Corps both celebrate their 250th anniversaries this fall.

Did you know?

Henry Knox brought cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston - over 300 miles!

Did you know?

Privateers hold a Letter of Marque, which allows them to operate legally.

Did you know?

Uniforms varied in the Continental Army. Soldiers were often mismatched!

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S
MOUNT ★ VERNON

THE MOUNT VERNON LADIES' ASSOCIATION

VISIT THE FAMILY HUB

Answer these questions as you visit the Family Hub.

Station 1: The State of Washington’s Army

When Washington took command of the Continental Army, did he receive a well organized, well trained, professional army?

Henry Knox' team pulled 59 cannons from New York to Boston for George Washington. Why were these cannons important?

Station 2: The Continental Navy and Continental Marines

What is the difference between a privateer and a pirate?

Where were the first Continental Marines recruited?

VISIT THE ARCHAEOLOGY HUB

Answer these questions as you visit the Archaeology Hub.

What are some artifacts our archaeology team has found? Write their names or draw pictures below.

What information about history do these artifacts tell us?

VISIT OUR ANIMALS

The breed of oxen we have at Mount Vernon are called Red Devons. What were the oxen's job here at Mount Vernon?

What other animals did you see today? Write their names or draw them below.