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George Washington: The Father of His Country

As my second cousin nine times removed, George Washington inspires me to be like him. Most of his life was given in service to America. Although he had already served before his presidency, he continued to work for his country. George Washington inspires me as an American because he devoted his life to America.

George Washington learned skills throughout his childhood that prepared him to be our first president. In 1732, he was born to Mary and Augustine Washington. His father died when he was young, and there was not enough money for his education. Washington continued his education himself. He then worked as a surveyor before joining the military, and he served during the French and Indian War. Later, he married Martha Custis, a widow. He and Martha lived happily during the growing conflict with England. During his young life, Washington learned skills that prepared him for the rest of his life.

As general, George Washington's courage motivated the soldiers to win the revolution. The British Parliament passed the "Intolerable Acts" in 1774, and the colonists protested. Washington was a delegate in the first Continental Congress, and he was nominated as the general of the army. The soldiers had been poorly trained, and had little supplies. However, they were motivated and inspired by Washington, and, with his leadership, they made it through the war. The soldiers held on through the eight year war, and with France's help, they finally won it. They were encouraged by Washington's determination, and found the strength to hold out through the war.

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George Washington served America his entire life, and as president, he shaped America into what it is today. After the war, Washington returned to Mount Vernon. However, the people wanted him to become their first president. Washington objected, wanting to live in peace and quiet at Mount Vernon. However, he eventually agreed. He was inaugurated on April 30, 1789, and served seven years before retiring. He died three years later. Washington devoted his whole life to America, and formed it into what it is today.

Throughout his childhood, military life and presidency, George Washington showed his love for America, and helped shape modern U.S.A. Especially during the war, Washington showed his patriotism through his perseverance. It inspires me because, even when things are hard, we have to model George Washington, and persevere.