

George Did It



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Vocabulary

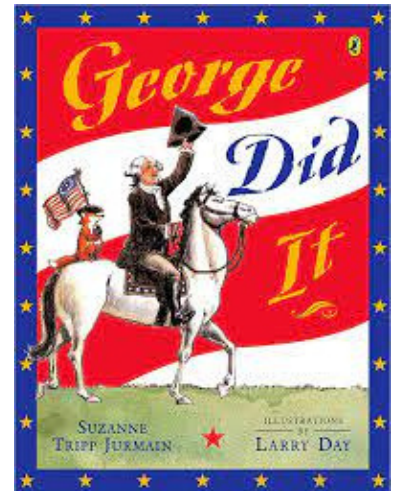
dependable, unite, candidate

Reviews

[Publishers Weekly](#) - starred review

Summary

George Washington worked hard to help Americans gain independence. Almost everyone in the country wanted him to be the first president of the United States, but he did not want the job. Animated illustrations provide readers a humorous account of this nervous leader's humility and sacrifice.



FAIR Standard

HM.K-2.1 I can discuss the character strengths that help people live their lives.

Discussion

1. George didn't want to be the president. Why do you think he agreed to do it anyway?
2. George said that nothing filled him with "greater anxiety" than the thought of being president. Have you ever felt anxious or nervous about doing something that others thought you would be good at?
3. What made George Washington such a good leader?
4. Who is someone you consider to be a good leader? How can you show support to someone who may be nervous or anxious to lead?

Discussion

5. George wanted to add a special section to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, to protect people's liberties. The book mentions three liberties: "the right to speak freely without fear of what the government might think, the right to choose a religion without fear of what the neighbors might think, and the right to be tried by a jury of ordinary citizens." What other liberties do you think are important?
Bonus: Look up the Bill of Rights and see how many of your ideas are on the list.

Activities

1. Pretend you are George Washington and write a postcard to Martha back home in Mt. Vernon. What will you tell her about your trip to New York for the inauguration? Decorate the front of the postcard with a picture from your trip.

2. Look at the funny picture of the men counting up votes while George has a thought bubble of an executioner. Cut out circles of paper, big and small, and make thought bubbles for other moments in the story. Draw or trace a picture of George Washington on a poster and surround him with the bubbles.

