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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. George Washington is an important person in the history of the United States. Washington was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He only went to school for 7 or 8 years, and his favorite subject was arithmetic. His father died when he was 11, and he helped his mother take care of the plantation. When he was sixteen he went to live with his half brother, Lawrence, who had inherited Mount Vernon from their father. George married a widow, Martha Custis. They never had children of their own, but they raised Martha's two children and they adopted two of their grandchildren. Washington was appointed general of the army at a meeting of the First Continental Congress. He was a good general. At one time Congress could not pay the soldiers and the soldiers started to rebel. The general spoke to them about the need to keep fighting and he said he himself would accept no pay until the war was won. The soldiers began to cry and there was no talk of mutiny after that day. Washington was always trying to become a better person. The people wanted to make him king, but he thought the country needed a different kind of government. They elected him president in 1789. He served for two terms; 8 years, as president. The people wanted him to run for a third term, but he said, "No", and went back to the plantation. He later returned and became Commander in Chief of the Army.

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