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Date Details

Feb. 22, 1732	Feb. 22, 1732 George Washington's Birth: Washington is born to Augustine and Mary (Ball) Washington at Wakefield Farm, Westmoreland County, Virginia.
April-July 1743	April-July 1743 George moves to Mt. Vernon: April 1743, at age 11 Washington's father died leaving his brother Lawrence to look after him. July 1743 - Lawrence moves the family to Mount Vernon in Virginia.
1747	1747 Washington Learns his Manners: At age 16, Washington copies the "Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior", which is a book on manners and etiquette.
March 1748	March 1748 Begins his Professional Career: begins career as a surveyor in the Shenandoah Valley on behalf of prominent Virginia landowner, Lord Thomas Fairfax.
July 1752	July 1752 Inherits Mount Vernon: Upon the death of his brother Lawrence, George inherits the rights to Mount Vernon plantation.
Nov. 1753	Nov. 1753 First Military Assignment: Leads Virginia expedition to challenge French claims to the Allegheny River Valley.
Jan. 1759	Jan. 1759 Washington Marries: Marries Martha Dandridge Custis, widow of Daniel Parke Custis. and assumes parental care of her children, Martha ("Patsy") and John Parke ("Jacky")
1759 - 1770s	1759 - 1770s Personal Investments: Acquires more land near Ohio Valley and Mt. Vernon. Diversifies agricultural production to include wheat as well as tobacco and reduces debts to British tobacco merchants.
1774 and 1775	1774 and 1775 Becomes a Political Icon: Washington is elected as Virginia Delegate for the First and Second Continental Congress. Elected Commander in Chief of the Continental Army
July 1776	July 1776 Freedom Fighter: July 4, 1776, Washington signs the Declaration of Independence.
1781	1781 Victory at Yorktown: Washington's troops defeat the British troops of Cornwallis at Yorktown, deflating the British spirit leading to American victory of The Revolutionary War and independence.
April 1789	April 1789 America's First President: Washington is elected first President of the United States. He proceeds to set precedent for many presidential customs.
1792	1792 Washington Wins Re-Election: Washington is re-elected President of the United States. He received nearly twice as many electoral votes as his nearest competitor, John Adams.
1796	1796 Refuses a Third Term: Many wanted Washington to run for a third term. His feeling was that his re-election would be a like
Dec. 1799	