

Presidents' Day

This holiday celebrates all U.S. Presidents, their impacts, and the uniquely peaceful transfer of power that the United States government supports. However, its officially the national commemoration of George Washington's Birthday.

The story of Presidents' Day date begins in 1800. Following the death of George Washington in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance. In 1879, President Hayes signed the holiday into federal law, making it the first U.S. holiday to celebrate an individual. In time, the commemoration expanded to all presidents, in part due to its proximity to President Lincoln's birthday, as well as President Harrison's and President Reagan's birthdays.

Which ever presidents recieve focus, it is worth noting that George Washington urged his countrymen to forswear excessive party spirit in governance. In support of this, students are encouraged to learn about leadership, democracy, and the character of impactful presidents in observance of this holiday, irrespective of their party affiliations.

NOTES:

TIPS

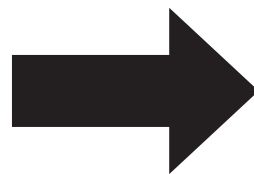
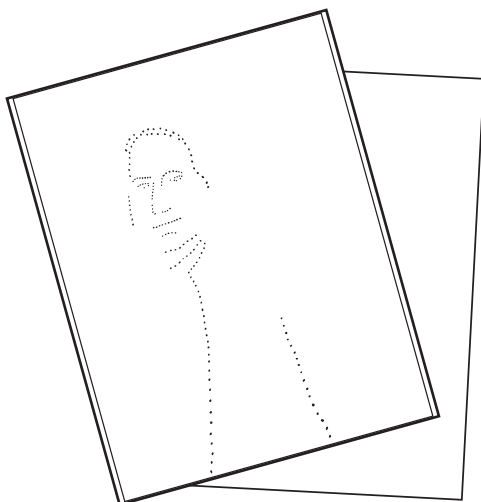
Remind students to crumple and re-crumple, softening the paper until it reaches a desirable shape

Highlights:

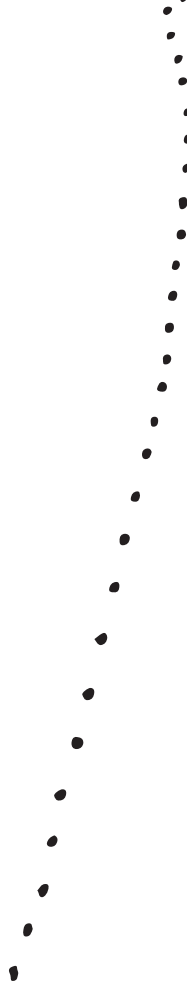
- Washington's Birthday
Feb. 22
- America's First President
- Peaceful transfer of power between democratically elected leaders
- The Impact of Leadership

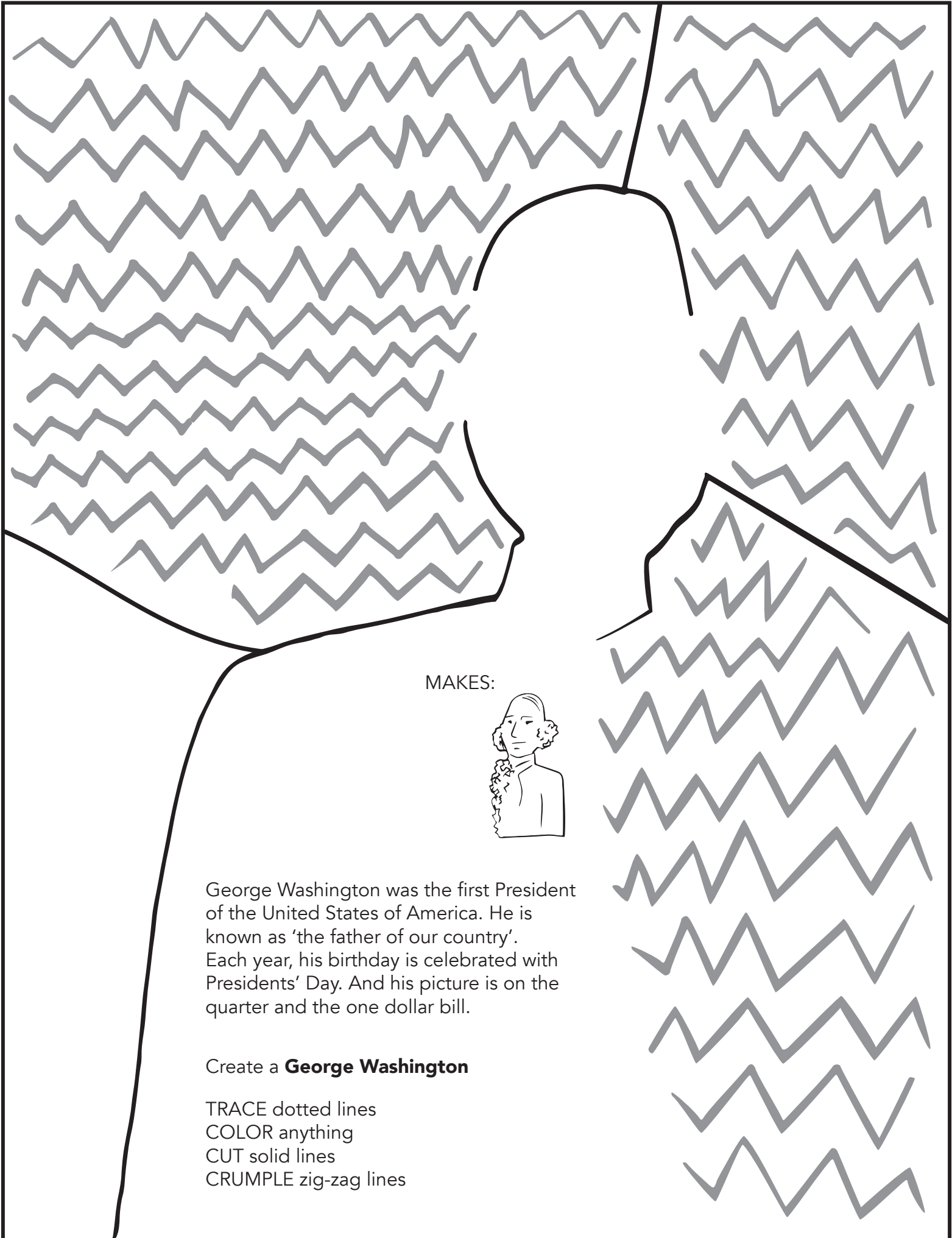
The Third Monday of February

- Tracing
- Coloring
- Scissor Cutting
- Crumpling



George Washington





MAKES:



George Washington was the first President of the United States of America. He is known as 'the father of our country'. Each year, his birthday is celebrated with Presidents' Day. And his picture is on the quarter and the one dollar bill.

Create a **George Washington**

TRACE dotted lines
COLOR anything
CUT solid lines
CRUMPLE zig-zag lines