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**Please read George Washington DK Biography book Lenny Hort:  
Please focus on chapters 4-10 (p.40 to 107)**

Once you have completed the course reading, please choose from one of the following options:

Option One:

Complete a 2-3 page essay choosing from one of the following topics:

1. When Washington resigned his command of the Continental Army, Jefferson said: "The moderation and virtue of one man probably prevented this Revolution from being closed by a subversion of the liberty it was intended to establish." Yet when Washington became president, Jefferson believed he was too conservative. Did Washington ultimately preserve or limit the spread of liberty in America?
2. How did Washington's vision of America differ from that of Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson?
3. Why do you think there are no political leaders like Washington today? Be sure to support your argument with historical facts.
4. Of the acts for which Washington is considered a hero—leading the army in the Revolutionary War, resigning his command after the war, leading the nation as president, freeing his slaves upon his death, and so on—which do think is the most important? Why?
5. Which did Washington value more, stability or democracy? Justify your answer.
6. Later in life Washington admitted that if the North and South should ever split in two he would join the North. Why do you think he said this? Support your answer with evidence from his life.

*Please remember that essays must be in your own words and work.*

**OR**

Option Two:

Complete the following 50 Multiple Choice questions.

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**1. In what year was Washington born?**

**(A) 1732**

**(B) 1743**

**(C) 1723**

**(D) 1776**

**2. What was the name of Washington's mother?**

**(A) Martha**

**(B) Mary**

**(C) Sally**

**(D) Abigail**

**3. What was the name of Washington's wife?**

**(A) Mary**

**(B) Sally**

**(C) Patcy**

**(D) Martha**

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**4. What important event happened in Washington's life in 1743?**

- (A) He fought the British**
- (B) His half-brother Lawrence died**
- (C) His father died**
- (D) His hemp crop went bad**

**5. Who was Edmond Genêt?**

- (A) He was a French general who served under Washington in the Revolutionary War**
- (B) He was the French ambassador to the United States**
- (C) He was a mercenary soldier**
- (D) He was a philosopher who declared that all men are equal**

**6. Who was Washington's first Secretary of State?**

- (A) Thomas Jefferson**
- (B) Alexander Hamilton**
- (C) Edmund Randolph**

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**(D) John Adams**

**7. Who commanded the British Army in America during the first part of the Revolutionary War?**

**(A) General Lord Cornwallis**

**(B) General Thomas Gage**

**(C) General William Howe**

**(D) General Dwight Eisenhower**

**8. What was the name of Washington's estate?**

**(A) Mount Vernon**

**(B) Valley Forge**

**(C) Wakefield**

**(D) Monticello**

**9. How many children did Washington have?**

**(A) two**

**(B) one**

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**(C) Many with his slaves**

**(D) 0**

**10. What was the name of Washington's father?**

**(A) Lawrence**

**(B) William**

**(C) Augustine**

**(D) George**

**11. Who was king of Britain during the Revolutionary War?**

**(A) George III**

**(B) George II**

**(C) Louis XIV**

**(D) Charles III**

**12. What battle effectively ended the Revolutionary War?**

**(A) The Battle of Trenton**

**(B) The Battle of Gettysburg**

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**(C) The Battle of Yorktown**

**(D) The Battle of Saratoga**

**13. What year did Washington retire from the presidency?**

**(A) 1792**

**(B) 1796**

**(C) 1799**

**(D) 1786**

**14. What did Washington hope to build?**

**(A) A canal linking the Ohio and Potomac Rivers**

**(B) A fort at the Forks of the Ohio**

**(C) A new estate next to Mount Vernon**

**(D) A railroad connecting Virginia, New York, and Massachusetts**

**15. What year did Washington's army spend at Valley Forge?**

**(A) 1776**

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**(B) 1777**

**(C) 1779**

**(D) 1781**

**16. What family helped Washington begin his military career?**

**(A) The Jeffersons**

**(B) The Lawrences**

**(C) The Franklins**

**(D) The Fairfaxes**

**17. What treaty did the United States sign with Britain in 1794?**

**(A) The Treaty of Paris**

**(B) Pinckney's Treaty**

**(C) The Treaty of Versailles**

**(D) Jay's Treaty**

**18. What did the treaty with Britain in 1794 include?**

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- (A) British withdrawal from forts along the western frontier**
- (B) Formal recognition of American independence**
- (C) The opening of the Mississippi to American navigation**
- (D) Military support against the French**

**19. What unusual thing did Washington do in his will?**

- (A) He gave away his estate**
- (B) He freed his slaves**
- (C) He renounced his American citizenship**
- (D) He directed that his ashes be strewn from a nearby mountaintop**

**20. Whom did Washington appoint as Secretary of War in 1789?**

- (A) John Jay**
- (B) James Madison**
- (C) Henry Knox**
- (D) Samuel Adams**



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**21. Where did Washington travel outside of the United States?**

**(A) Britain**

**(B) Barbados**

**(C) Germany**

**(D) France**

**22. What fort did the British capture from the French in 1758?**

**(A) Fort Duquesne**

**(B) Fort Ohio**

**(C) Fort Le Beouf**

**(D) Fort Necessity**

**23. What city now sits on the site of the French fort captured in 1758?**

**(A) Cincinnati**

**(B) Cleveland**

**(C) Eerie**

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**(D) Pittsburgh**

**24. Why was Washington reluctant to attend the Constitutional Convention?**

**(A) He had promised never to enter politics again**

**(B) He was unwilling to leave Mount Vernon after having been gone during the war**

**(C) He did not believe the Constitution was necessary**

**(D) He believed younger men should attend since the future of the country was theirs**

**25. Where did America win its first major battle in the Revolutionary War?**

**(A) New York**

**(B) Philadelphia**

**(C) Saratoga**

**(D) Concord**

**26. How did Washington earn a living?**

**(A) He inherited land and therefore did not need to earn a living**

**(B) He was a slave trader**

**(C) He grew tobacco and other crops on his plantation**

**(D) He bought and sold goods such as clothes, furniture, and liquor**

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**27. Why did Washington support Hamilton's financial plan?**

- (A) He believed it would strengthen the federal government**
- (B) He knew it would make him rich**
- (C) He wanted to pay off war debts as quickly as possible**
- (D) He believed it would weaken his rivals in Congress such as James Madison**

**28. What year did Washington inherit Mount Vernon?**

- (A) 1743**
- (B) 1752**
- (C) 1758**
- (D) 1770**

**29. What did Pinckney's Treaty do?**

- (A) It established peaceful relations with Indians along the frontier**
- (B) It prevented war from breaking out between Britain and the United States**
- (C) It acquired the Louisiana Territory for the United States**

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**(D) It opened the Mississippi River to American ships**

**30. Who led Washington against the French in 1755?**

**(A) General Edward Braddock**

**(B) General William Howe**

**(C) General Horatio Gates**

**(D) General Charles Cornwallis**

**31. Which one of these was not a branch of the federal government as created by the Constitution?**

**(A) The executive branch**

**(B) The financial branch**

**(C) The legislative branch**

**(D) The judicial branch**

**32. Why was Washington considered an idiot in Britain in 1754?**

**(A) Because he supported American independence**

**(B) Because he had resigned from the army when he could have become a dictator**

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**(C) Because he had created a conflict between Britain and France by killing a French soldier**

**(D) Because he claimed to enjoy a stinky French cheese known as Brie**

**33. Why did Washington and his mother have a strained relationship?**

**(A) She was not really his mother, and he knew it**

**(B) Washington so rarely saw her that he didn't know what to say**

**(C) She preferred her younger sons**

**(D) She attempted to control Washington too much**

**34. What treaty ended the Revolutionary War?**

**(A) Jay's Treaty**

**(B) The Treaty of Paris**

**(C) The Treaty of Venice**

**(D) The Treaty of San Lorenzo**

**35. Who commanded the French Army in America?**

**(A) The Marquis de Lafayette**

**(B) The Marquis de Sade**

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(C) The Comte de Rochambeau

(D) The Marquis de Tocqueville

36. What potential revolt did Washington prevent in 1783?

(A) A revolt among his officers

(B) A revolt by western Massachusetts settlers over war debts

(C) A revolt by Pennsylvania farmers over whisky taxes

(D) A revolt among members of the Continental Congress, who wanted to split the North and South

37. Who among the following did not succeed Washington in the office of the president?

(A) Jefferson

(B) Adams

(C) Madison

(D) They all succeeded him as president

38. What crop did Washington not attempt to grow on Mount Vernon?

(A) hemp

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**(B) rice**

**(C) corn**

**(D) wheat**

**39. Who was Washington's role model as a young man?**

**(A) Lawrence Washington**

**(B) Admiral Vernon**

**(C) Mary Washington**

**(D) George William Fairfax**

**40. What notable thing did Washington do at the Second Continental Congress?**

**(A) He personally read out all of the Virginia delegates' proposals**

**(B) He asked that he be given command of the army**

**(C) He arrived alone on horseback**

**(D) He wore his Virginia militia uniform**

**41. What was Washington's greatest fear during his second term as president?**

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**(A) That he would die in office, leaving the question of succession unclear]**

**(B) That the country's foreign credit would disappear**

**(C) That the United States would go to war with Britain or France**

**(D) That the Indians would overrun frontier towns**

**42. What did Washington issue in 1793?**

**(A) The Emancipation Proclamation**

**(B) The Neutrality Proclamation**

**(C) The Indian Proclamation**

**(D) The Western Proclamation**

**43. To what early political group did Jefferson belong?**

**(A) The Loyalists**

**(B) The Whigs**

**(C) The Federalists**

**(D) The Republicans**



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**44. What did Washington build in 1754?**

**(A) A canal linking the Ohio and Potomac Rivers**

**(B) A fort at Great Meadows, Pennsylvania**

**(C) A fort in Saratoga, New York**

**(D) A second home in Barbados**

**45. Where was Washington inaugurated as President in 1789?**

**(A) Philadelphia**

**(B) Boston**

**(C) New York**

**(D) Washington, D.C.**

**46. What were the London-based merchants who bought crops and sold goods to Virginia planters called?**

**(A) factors**

**(B) makers**

**(C) buyers**

**(D) middlemen**

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**47. Why was Washington's support of the Constitution so important?**

- (A) It wasn't—the Constitution would have been ratified anyway**
- (B) It wasn't—he didn't even know what was in the Constitution**
- (C) People feared the president would be a tyrant, but they trusted Washington with the job**
- (D) He had the power to force those who opposed the Constitution to accept it**

**48. What were the names of Martha Washington's children?**

- (A) John and Mary**
- (B) Lawrence and Patcy**
- (C) Daniel and Sally**
- (D) John and Patcy**

**49. Who was Washington's Vice President?**

- (A) Thomas Jefferson**
- (B) Alexander Hamilton**
- (C) John Adams**

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**(D) James Madison**

**50. Who led a short-lived movement to replace Washington as commander of the Continental Army?**

**(A) Thomas Jefferson**

**(B) Horatio Gates**

**(C) Patrick Henry**

**(D) Thomas Conway**

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