

George Washington



George Washington owned a plantation with slaves in Virginia. He joined the British Army and was an officer in wars against the French and the Native Americans.

He did not like British Rule and was angry about the Stamp Act. He felt there should be no taxation without representation. He was made Commander in Chief of the American army. They declared their independence from England on the 4th July 1776 which resulted in war.

He did not go into battles he ambushed the British. He used the cover of woods for attacks. This is called guerrilla tactics. His army was a part time army. His army wintered in Valley Forge and had terrible conditions, many died of the cold and disease. He seemed to face certain defeat.

France joined the war against Britain; this meant the war began to go on Washington's favour. The Americans and French forced a British army to surrender in Yorktown at sea; this ended the War of Independence.

He was made the 1st President of the newly independent United States of America. A new constitution was drawn up based on the Bill of Rights.