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PRE-VISIT ACTIVITY – Meet George Washington’s Family

DIRECTIONS: Using the bank below, fill in the missing events on the timeline.

Note: GW = George Washington.

1732	GW was born.
1743	GW’s father dies when he is only 11 years old.
1749	GW is appointed county surveyor in Shenandoah Valley, Virginia.
1751	GW travels to Barbados with his half-brother Lawrence. George Washington contracts smallpox.
1752	GW’s half-brother Lawrence dies. GW inherits Mount Vernon.
1753	GW is forced to surrender to the French during a failed campaign in Ohio Valley.
1755	GW shows great courage and leadership during a battle against the French. He receives a promotion and is given command of the entire military force in Virginia.
1759	GW marries Martha Dandridge Custis, a wealthy widow with two young children named Jacky and Patsy. They move to Mount Vernon.
1759- 1775	GW becomes a gentleman farmer at Mount Vernon.
1775	Revolutionary War begins! GW becomes Commander of the Continental Army.
1783	The American Revolution ends! GW resigns his commission.
1787	GW is elected President of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.
1789	GW is elected as the first President of the United States of America.
1793	GW begins his second terms as President.
1797	GW refuses a third term as President and returns to Mount Vernon.
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