AT FIRST GLANCE WORKSHEET

This worksheet will help you develop an initial analysis of the content and design of the President’s Vision poster on George Washington. Carefully examine the poster, then write your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

TAKING A FIRST GLANCE
1. When did George Washington serve as U.S. president? How many terms did he serve?
2. The poster features an excerpt from Washington’s first inaugural address. Rewrite the quotation in your own words.

TAKING A KNOWLEDGE INVENTORY
3. What do you know about George Washington?
4. What would you like to learn about Washington and his presidency?

READING THE NARRATIVE
5. Why was Washington selected as the nation’s first president?
6. Why did Washington describe his efforts as “walking on untrodden ground”?
7. Summarize the goal(s) of Washington’s foreign policy.
8. List three of Washington’s accomplishments as president.
9. How does this narrative add to your understanding of Washington?

STUDYING THE POSTER DESIGN
10. List all of the graphic elements (such as paintings, documents, and images) that the designer used to create the poster.
11. As you scan the poster, what image catches your attention first? Why are you drawn to this image?
12. Consider the work of the poster’s designer. List three important choices that he or she made in designing this poster. Explain why each is important.

EXAMINING THE IMAGES
13. What “story” about Washington does each of the poster’s images tell?
14. Choose three images featured on the poster and explain how each image illustrates major points addressed in the narrative.
15. Use the poster to determine three characteristics of the United States during the years that George Washington served as president.

UNDERSTANDING WASHINGTON’S VISION
16. In two or three sentences, describe the vision that guided Washington during his terms in office.

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