

George Washington (1732–1799)

The Courage to Lead



Responsibility began early.

George Washington was only eleven years old when the world suddenly became much bigger — and much harder.

His father passed away, leaving the family farm in the hands of his older brothers. In those days, a boy without a father had to grow up quickly.

While other boys played in the streets of Fredericksburg, George often looked toward the West. Beyond the town stretched the vast Virginia wilderness — mile after mile of shadowed forest and untamed mountains.