

Washington's Precedents as President

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Why was Washington "the only choice" to be our first President?

Washington faced many crises during his two terms as President during what is called "the Critical Period" in American History. If you were in his cabinet, what advice would you have given him?

Problem	Your advice?	GW's Decision
Foreign Affairs—War in Europe		
Debt and Economic Instability		
The Whiskey Rebellion		
Native Americans on the Frontier		

What precedents did Washington set for presidents to come?

Read his Farewell Address and answer the following questions:

1. Why is "the unity of government" so important? (2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph pg. 45)
2. What is GW stressing about "the name American"? (last paragraph on pg. 45)
3. What are potential "causes which may disturb our union"? (pg. 46)
4. What does GW say is the proper relationship of the people to their government on pg. 46?
5. How does GW describe the nature of "the danger of parties"? (middle pg. 47)
6. What concerns does GW have about "public credit" (pg. 48)?
7. What is GW's advice concerning foreign relations? (pg 48-9)

After considering Washington's address, how have we done? Would he be pleased?