LESSON

In one day

By George!

Why is George Washington remembered as the "Father of Our Country?"

Overview

Students play a game to learn about the life and accomplishments of George Washington and other of our nation's chief executives.

Preview Students draw a quick caricature of George Washington and annotate with one detail they know about his life or achievements.

Activity In a Response Group, students play a board game to learn about the life and achievements of George Washington and discover other presidential trivia.

Processing Students return to their caricature of George Washington and add at least five details they learned by playing the board game.

Objectives

In the course of this lesson and participating in the classroom activity, students will

- recall the key events that took place during the life of George Washington.
- discuss the importance of George Washington's actions on successive administrations.
- calculate interest on loans made from the bank during a board game.

Materials

- Caricature of George Washington (included)
- Drawing paper for students to create a caricature of George Washington. (Alternately: Student can use a website like www.toondoo.com to create digital caricatures.)
- The board game *By George!* including directions, board, rules, banker's tally, questions, and die – Create one game for every three to four students. Directions for creating the game are on the first page of the game.
- Important Note: There are two versions of questions printed for you: Secondary and Elementary. Be sure to choose the appropriate one for your students.

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Preview

Suggested time: 5-7 minutes

1. **Greet students at the door.** Distribute *drawing paper* to students as they enter the room.

2. **Project a caricature of George Washington.** Challenge students to draw a simple caricature of George Washington similar to the one you are projecting. Tell the students to annotate their image with one detail (fact) they know about Washington.

3. **Debrief the drawings.** After three to four minutes, ask the students:
   - **What details do you know about George Washington?**
   - **Why is it important for us to study the accomplishments of George Washington?**
   - **On what holiday do we celebrate the birth of George Washington?**

   **Though commonly called Presidents' Day, there is no federal holiday by such name. The third Monday in February is set aside by law to commemorate Washington's birthday. Several states, however, do have a holiday called Presidents' Day. Check your state to find out.*

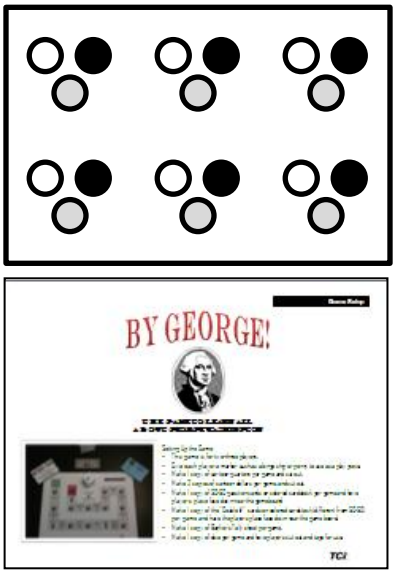
Caricature of George Washington

Response Group

Suggested time: 20-30 minutes

1. **Place students into triads.** Group students heterogeneously into triads.

2. **Explain the purpose of the activity.** Project *By George!* (board game rules) to students and tell them that this game is intended to give them an opportunity to examine the life, accomplishments, and challenges that George Washington faced. Explain that when time is up, you will challenge them to add details to their caricature. **(Important: You will need to have a board game for each triad. To save time, print everything students will need for the game and have the triads cut it out as part of their game prep.)**



By George! Board Game Rules

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3. **Explain the rules.** Review the rules for the board game as a class, answering any questions students have regarding play.

4. **Let students play game.** Allow the students 20 minutes of play. Encourage students to begin a second game should they finish the first. (Students should shuffle trivia cards.)

5. **Transition to debrief the game.** After every group has been given an opportunity to play at least one game to completion, tell the students they will now complete a class debrief of what they learned.

6. **Project caricature of George Washington.** Ask each group to brainstorm for 30 seconds any new details they learned about George Washington. Tell the groups to appoint one person who will share one detail with the rest of the class.

7. **Have groups annotate caricature.** Ask each group to send their spokesperson to the front of the class to annotate the projected caricature using an Interactive White Board or projector.

8. **Add any missing important information.** If you feel that groups left out any important information, be sure to add it to the caricature. Ask the students some closing questions:
    - **What details about George Washington did you find the most interesting?**
    - **What things did you find out about other presidents that you did not know before playing the game?**
    - **Why is George Washington remembered as the "Father of Our Country?"**

Working with upper elementary students?

Consider allowing players to read all the trivia cards for two to three minutes before playing the first time so they will have some immediate success.

Want to know more about Response Groups?

To learn more about this lesson strategy and how to get the most out of it, visit TeacherGenius and view submissions: http://teachergenius.teachtci.com/response-group/

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Processing

Suggested time: 10 minutes; complete for homework

1. **Challenge students to correct and add to their caricature of George Washington.** Allow students to select any details they learned regarding George Washington and add to their caricature from the Preview.

2. **Have the students answer the Essential Question**. Direct the students to answer the Essential Question at the bottom of their caricature of George Washington.

Going Digital Suggestion

If you are working with upper elementary students, another site you can use to digitally create a caricature is www.kerpoof.com

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Directions: Draw a simple caricature of George Washington similar to this one. Write one detail (fact) that you know about him. Be prepared to share.

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Elementary Edition

BY GEORGE!

THE GAME TO LEARN ALL ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON

Setting Up the Game:

- This game is for two-three players.
- Give each player a marker such as a bingo chip or penny to use as a play piece.
- Make 1 copy of cartoon quarters per game and cut out.
- Make 2 copies of cartoon dollars per game, and cut out.
- Make 1 copy of 50-50 question cards on colored cardstock per game and have players place face down near the game board
- Make 1 copy of the "Double It!" cards on colored cardstock (different from 50-50) per game and have the players place face down near the game board.
- Make 1 copy of Banker's Tally sheet per game.
- Make 1 copy of dice per game and have players cut out and tape for use.

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True or False

Presidents' Day is a National Holiday.

False – There is no federal holiday named Presidents' Day.

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True or False

Washington got every vote to be President.

True – Washington won all 69.

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True or False

Washington had four children of his own.

False – Washington was a step-father though.

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True or False

Washington was a slave owner.

True – Washington owned a plantation in Virginia where he owned slaves. They were freed when he died in 1799.

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True or False

Washington was not that rich.

True – In 1789 he did not have a great deal of money and had to borrow money to go to work.

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True or False

George Washington wrote the Constitution.

False – Many people helped write the Constitution.

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True or False

Washington had wooden teeth.

False – Though he did wear dentures made from hippopotamus bone and ivory.

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True or False

Washington was born in England.

False – He was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

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True or False

George lived in Washington DC while President.

False – John Adams was the first President to live there.

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True or False

Washington became a 6-Star General after he was dead.

True – By law in 1976

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True or False

Washington had scars from being sick when he was young.

True – He was scarred by small pox.

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True or False

Washington earned $25,000 a year as President

True – That was a lot of money at that time.

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True or False

As a boy, Washington chopped his father's cherry tree down.

False – It was a story made up to show how honest he was.

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True or False

He was the first President to use airmail.

True – He used a hot-air balloon to deliver it.

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True or False

George was not the first person to be called President of the United States.

True – He was 15th to have that title, but first under the US Constitution.

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True or False

Washington was worried about being buried alive underground.

True – He even made people wait two days before they would bury him after he died..

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True or False

Washington was short.

False – He was 6 feet 2 inches tall and wore a size 13 boot..

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True or False

Washington was related to the King of England.

True – They were 3rd Cousins

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DOUBLE IT!

How many Presidents have we had?

A) 43
B) 46

Answer: A) 43 Presidents – Though Obama is our 44th President, Grover Cleveland was president in two non-consecutive terms.

DOUBLE IT!

Which President has a monument (statue) in Washington DC?

A) Lincoln
B) Bush

Answer – A) Lincoln

DOUBLE IT!

Which former Presidents died on the same day in 1826?

A) Washington and Adams
B) Adams and Jefferson

Answer – B) Jon Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826.

DOUBLE IT!

What state has been where the most Presidents were born?

A) Ohio
B) Virginia

Answer – B) Virginia has had 8 presidents born there.

DOUBLE IT!

How many Presidents have been murdered?

A) 3
B) 4

Answer – B) 4 presidents have been assassinated (Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, and Kennedy)

DOUBLE IT!

Which President was the tallest?

A) James Polk
B) Abraham Lincoln

Answer – B) Abraham Lincoln was 6 feet 4 inches tall.

DOUBLE IT!

Who was the youngest President?

A) Theodore Roosevelt
B) John Kennedy

Answer – A) Theodore Roosevelt was 42 years, 322 days old

DOUBLE IT!

Who is the only President not born in Hawaii?

A) Lyndon Johnson
B) Barak Obama

Answer – B) Barak Obama was born in Hawaii

DOUBLE IT!

Which President is on the face of a quarter?

A) Washington
B) Jackson

Answer – A) Washington is on both the quarter and dollar.

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Secondary Edition

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BANKER'S TALLY SHEET

If a player borrows $1 from the bank, use this tally sheet to record it. At the end of the game, the player who borrowed money must pay the bank back for each dollar borrowed PLUS 1 quarter (which is interest).

PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	PLAYER 3
TOTAL OWED X .25 PER DOLLAR	TOTAL OWED X .25 PER DOLLAR	TOTAL OWED X .25 PER DOLLAR

Rules to Game:

1. The object of the game is to finish with the most money.
2. One player should assume the role of banker and give to or take money from players when needed.
3. Every player should place their game piece on the start box to begin. Each player begins with $1.
4. Roll the dice to see who gets the highest number. That player goes first, then rotate clockwise.
5. Roll the dice and move that number of spaces.
6. If a player lands on a picture of George Washington, they must answer a 50-50 question. One of the other players should pull a trivia card (that is face down) and read it to the player. If they are correct, the player earns 50 cents from the bank. If the player is incorrect, they lose 50 cents to the bank. Used cards should be set aside.
7. If a player has no money, they must borrow a dollar from the bank, which must be paid back at the end of the game PLUS interest. Interest is 25 cents for every dollar borrowed. The banker should write down the person's name and how much they borrow throughout the game on the Banker's Tally Sheet.
8. If there are no remaining 50-50 questions, shuffle the questions, place the pile face-down, and pull from the top.
9. If a player lands on a "Double it" space, the player can play any amount they have. If they answer the question (asked by another player) correctly, they double their amount. If they are wrong, they lose double the amount and may be forced to borrow.
10. The game ends when all players have reached the Red tile.
11. At the end of the game, players should count their money and pay the bank back for any debt. The player with the most money wins.

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By George! Game Board

START

1732 - Washington is born on Feb. 22

Win $1

1749 - Washington has first job as adult as a surveyor in Culpepper Co., VA.

Win $1

DOUBLE IT!

1754 - Colonel Washington surrenders Ft. Necessity during French & Indian War.

Lose $1

1759 - Washington marries Martha Custis – Take 1 quarter from each player as wedding gift.

1775 - Elected Commander-in-Chief of Continental Army.

Win $1

DOUBLE IT!

1777 – During the Revolutionary war following defeats, Washington and his army suffer the cold at Valley Forge.

Lose $1

1781 - Washington defeats the British at Yorktown,

Win $1

1780's – The nation suffers from a weak government with Articles of Confederation.

Lose $1

1789 – Washington is elected the 1st President under a new constitution.

Win $1

1793 – President Washington is re-elected to a second term in office.

Win $1

1794 - Washington is forced to put down rebellion of farmers in Pennsylvania protesting Whisky tax.

Lose $1

1797 - US Population hits 4 million during Washington's second term.

Win $1

DOUBLE IT!

FINISH

If your die roll lands you exactly here, collect 1 quarter from each player as a retirement bonus.

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True or False

Presidents' Day is a National Holiday.

False – There is no federal holiday named Presidents' Day.

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True or False

He was the only US President to ever win unanimously.

True – Washington won all 69 votes in the electoral college.

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True or False

George fathered four children with Martha

False – George & Martha had no children together..

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True or False

Washington was a slave owner.

True – Washington owned a plantation in Virginia where he was a slave-holder. By his will, his slaves were freed upon his death in 1799.

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True or False

Washington had to borrow money to attend his own inauguration.

True – In 1789 he did not have a great deal of money.

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True or False

George was the only President to sign the Constitution.

False – James Madison also signed.

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True or False

Washington had wooden teeth.

False – Though he did wear dentures made from hippopotamus bone and ivory.

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Washington was born in England.

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George lived in Washington DC while President.

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True or False

No general will ever out-rank 6-star Gen. Washington

True – By law (1976), no other general can get above 5.

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True or False

Washington was scarred by measles when he was young.

False – He was scarred by small pox though.

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True or False

George instructed he not be buried for at least two days after he died.

True – He was afraid of being buried alive.

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True or False

Washington was average in height for his time.

False – He was 6 feet 2 inches tall and wore a size 13 boot..

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True or False

Washington was related to King George III.

True – George and George were 3rd Cousins

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DOUBLE IT!

How many Presidents have served under the US Constitution?

A) 43
B) 44
C) 45
D) 46

Answer: A) 43 Presidents – Though Obama is our 44th President, Grover Cleveland was president in two non-consecutive terms.

DOUBLE IT!

Which Presidents have monuments erected at the Washington Mall?

A) Washington, Jefferson, and Reagan
B) Lincoln, Ford, and Jefferson
C) Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln
D) Jefferson, Lincoln, and Polk

Answer – C) Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln

DOUBLE IT!

Which former Presidents died on the same day in 1826?

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B) Adams and Jefferson
C) Jefferson and Madison
D) Adams and Madison

Answer – B) Jon Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826.

DOUBLE IT!

What state has been the birthplace of the most Presidents?

A) Ohio
B) New York
C) Virginia
D) Pennsylvania

Answer – C) Virginia has had 8 presidents born there.

DOUBLE IT!

How many Presidents have been assassinated?

A) 1
B) 2
C) 3
D) 4

Answer – D) 4 presidents have been assassinated (Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, and Kennedy)

DOUBLE IT!

Which President was the tallest?

A) James Polk
B) Barak Obama
C) Woodrow Wilson
D) Abraham Lincoln

Answer – D) Abraham Lincoln was 6 feet 4 inches tall.

DOUBLE IT!

Who was the youngest President?

A) Theodore Roosevelt
B) John Kennedy
C) Franklin Pierce
D) George W Bush

Answer – A) Theodore Roosevelt was 42 years, 322 days old

DOUBLE IT!

Who is the only President not born in the continental US?

A) Lyndon Johnson
B) Martin Van Buren
C) Barak Obama
D) Jimmy Carter

Answer – C) Barak Obama was born in Hawaii

DOUBLE IT!

How many Presidents appear on US money?

A) 11
B) 12
C) 13
D) 14

Answer – B) 12 – Lincoln, Jefferson, F. Roosevelt, Washington, Kennedy, Eisenhower, Jackson, Grant, McKinley, Cleveland, Madison, and Wilson.

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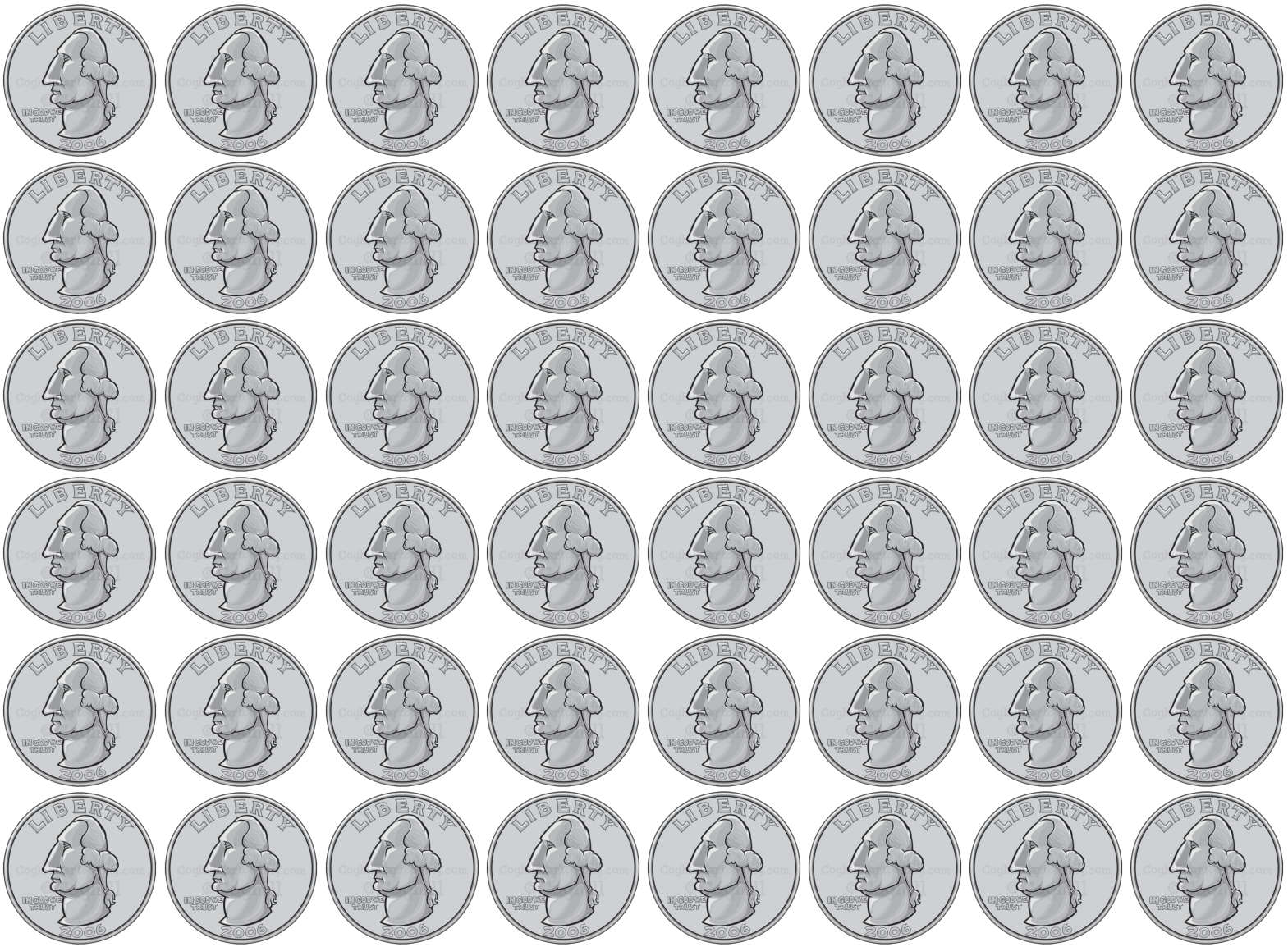

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Cartoon Dollars

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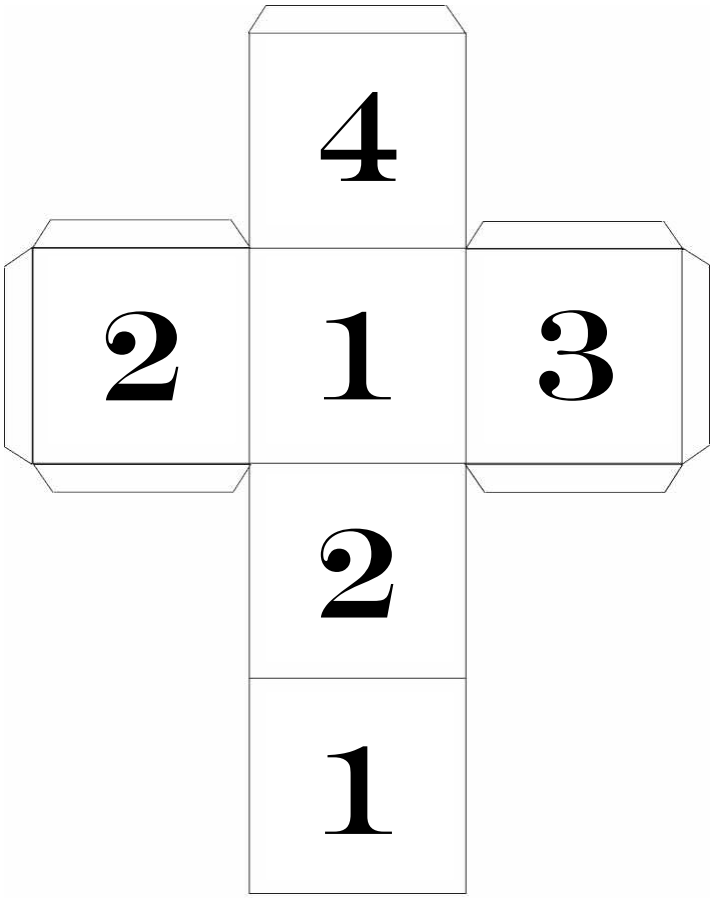

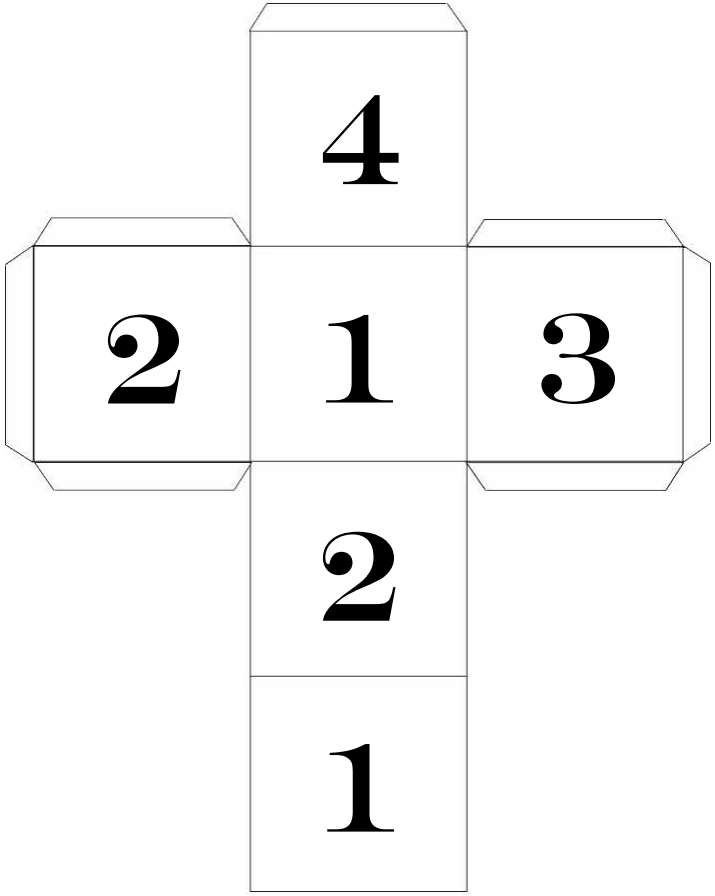

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