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had many
unusual pets!**



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wore false teeth!**

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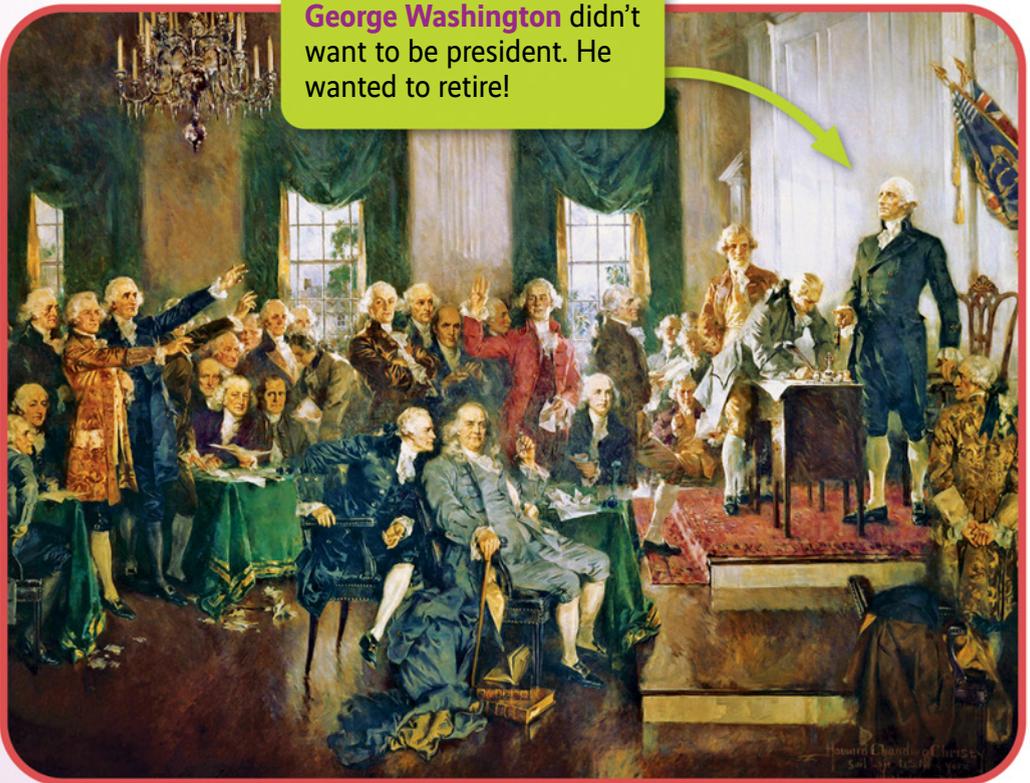
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Help Wanted: A President!

When the United States became a new nation, it didn't have a president! The new country's government had been created with a weak **federal** government that had no central leader. But the people soon realized they needed someone in charge.

So, they wrote the U.S. **Constitution**, which created the role of president to lead the nation. In 1789, George Washington was elected by **unanimous** vote.

George Washington didn't want to be president. He wanted to retire!



In 1787, Washington led the Constitutional **Convention** as it decided on the rights of the nation's citizens and established how the U.S. government would work.

President Washington

was elected for a second term as president in 1792.



Washington was sworn into his second term in Philadelphia, which was the U.S. capital from 1790 to 1800.

Washington loved ice cream.

There were no cones when he was alive. Instead, ice cream was served in small cups known as ice pots.



YUM!
ICE CREAM!



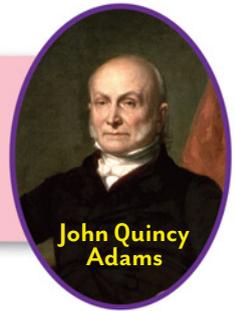
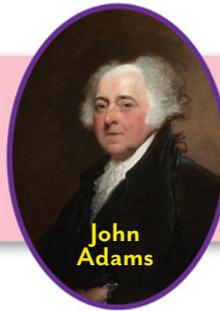
MY POOR
TEETH!

Washington was famous for his false teeth. They were made of ivory and metal, as well as human, cow, and horse teeth.

All in the (President's) Family

Sometimes the United States presidency is like a family business. Several cousins and two father-and-son pairs have served as president. Benjamin Harrison took office 48 years after his grandfather, William Henry Harrison, was president. Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Delano Roosevelt were distant cousins and were related to many past presidents!

John Adams was the second president, and his oldest son, **John Quincy Adams**, became the sixth president.



President **George H. W. Bush**, the 41st president, and his son President **George W. Bush**, the 43rd president, are often referred to simply as 41 and 43.



George H. W. Bush often dropped by the White House for a chat when **George W. Bush** was president.



John Quincy Adams

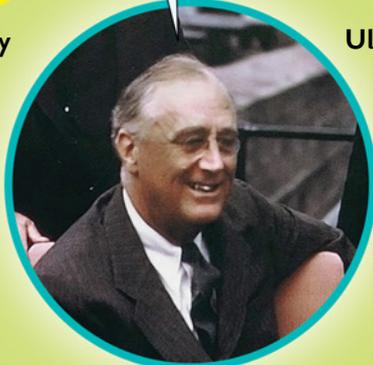


Ulysses S. Grant

WE ARE FAMILY ...



John Adams



Franklin Roosevelt



James Madison



Theodore Roosevelt



George Washington

Genealogists say **President Franklin Roosevelt is related (by blood or marriage) to John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Ulysses S. Grant, James Madison, Theodore Roosevelt, and maybe even George Washington!**

BEST WISHES, KIDS!

Franklin Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt

Eleanor Roosevelt was President Franklin Roosevelt's wife and his distant cousin!

Her uncle, former President Theodore Roosevelt, was Franklin's fifth cousin. He was even at their wedding.

Eleanor Roosevelt

