

George Washington and King George III

A Comparison of Power and Leadership

Guiding Questions

Who was George Washington as a leader and what qualities did he hold?

What has George Washington come to symbolize?

What leadership role did King George III hold and what influence did he have on the colonists?

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Discussion Questions

1. What can you infer about each man through the way he is depicted in his portrait (note particularly where each man is looking and standing?)
2. What are the objects in the foreground/ background and how do they add to the story the artist is telling about each man?
3. What artistic devices are used in each portrait (color, use of light and shadows, composition, etc.) and how do these devices add to the story the artist is telling about each man?
4. What inferences can you make about the type of government and its leadership of each man?
5. In what ways do we currently see Washington used in TV, bank, car dealership advertisements or printed on objects? How do these add to the description of Washington?