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We can all be heroes. That's the inspiring message of this *New York Times* Bestselling picture book biography series from historian and author Brad Meltzer. Learn all about George Washington, America's first president.

George Washington was one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known. He was never afraid to be the first to try something, from exploring the woods around his childhood home to founding a brand new nation, the United States of America. With his faith in the American people and tremendous bravery, he helped win the Revolutionary War and became the country's first president.

Each picture book in this series is a biography of a significant historical figure, told in a simple, conversational, vivacious way, and always focusing on a character trait that makes the person a role model for kids. The heroes are depicted as children throughout, telling their life stories in first-person present tense, which keeps the books playful and accessible to young children. And each book ends with a line of encouragement, a direct quote, photos, a timeline, and a source list.

I Am George Washington Details

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Amie says

My two year old is now obsessed with George Washington. I'd call that a win!

Heather Jo says

megan winter reading 2017, children's book, picture book, nonfiction, non-fiction, series, people who changed the world, George Washington, president, history, biography, first grade, second grade, third grade,

Andrea says

I didn't really like this book as much as the other books in this series but it was interesting to read about the life of George Washington. I'm fortunate to live in the only state named after him and I really didn't know much about him (other than the fabricated stories that are so popular, like the wooden teeth and the apple tree), so I did learn a lot about our First President. This is a great book to teach kids about history but adults should find it entertaining as well.

Kelsi says

"I am George Washington" is a high quality, complex picture book in the Biography genre which takes the point of view of our nation's first president, George Washington. This comic book-esque little story allows the reader a look into President George Washington's life as well as his triumphs and lasting impact. The highly engaging pictures and dialogue of this book can lend themselves to most grades in Elementary school, but may be a great independent read for grades 2-4 and a guided or read aloud book for lower grade students. The message of this book runs with the theme of the "Ordinary People Change the World" series that it is apart of, in the end showing readers that George Washington wasn't always the 'father of our country' but he was always a leader in many positive and courageous ways, which is what left his mark on the landscape of our country's history.

Lesson Ideas:

This book could be used as a research aide in projects like wax museum, where students are tasked with essentially becoming a person from history. This book lends itself well to taking on the persona of George Washington as it is written from his point of view and contains substantiated facts from many times throughout President Washington's life.

Another lesson that this book lends itself to is that of growth mindset or character traits. The Brad Meltzer "I am" Biographies all center around ordinary people throughout history who achieved world changing things through attainable personality traits. The "I am George Washington" book focusses on having courage, standing up for what is right, and being true to your own personality. George Washington wasn't a leader because he spoke loudly, carried himself tall, and intimidated people, but because he was trustworthy and diligent. This book would be a great lense with which to look at character traits by using context clues and

close reading, having students pick out character traits of President Washington and others throughout the story.

This is a WOW book for me because I absolutely ADORE American History and George Washington has been one of my favorite presidents for as long as I can remember. Additionally, I loved the mix of facts and humor as well as the incredibly engaging illustrations in this book! It was a fun way of learning about, being inspired by, and humanizing a great figure in this country that I think all students should know about!

Leighton says

I am George Washington is a biography that I would use in the third grade. This biography went in depth about George Washington's life and included things that the general public would not know. I didn't know that he was home schooled by his brothers after his father passed away. Throughout the book it discussed what a good leader was and good characteristics of George Washington that ultimately led to him being voted president. I would use this book as an example for students to write an autobiography. They could even do this with a similar little character like this book. I also think it would be cool if they put these events into a timeline to tie social studies and reading together. My last idea would be to have my students hold an election in the classroom and vote for a classroom president. This book was a WOW book for me because I learned a lot I didn't know about George Washington before. For an example, I found it interesting that he was the only president that had a state named after him. I also liked how it was almost like a walk through George Washington's life instead of reading about it, it was more like a story. I also really enjoyed the fun facts at the end.

David says

4.50 This series is just adorable but it also has some great insight into history. I also love the inspiration the authors provide through historical figures like Washington. "Leadership isn't about being in charge. It's about taking care of those in your charge."

Allison Fish says

1. no awards
2. k-3rd
3. Talks about who George Washington was and why he is important in American history. Use words that students will understand so they can appropriately learn about American history.
4. I think it does a great job explaining him and what he did. Brings it to a level where students learn what they need to in words they can understand.
5. a. Can do project on varying presidents and have kids present
- b. Paper mache figure of his head as a project

Tara Morrow says

this book does a wonderful job giving us insight on George Washington while he was growing up. a look into his childhood and his life in the military and everything that leads him up to be the first president.

This book does a great job for both children and adults. There were even things in the book that I didn't know about.

This book would be great in any classroom. especially when learning about the first presidents.

Andrea L'Ecuyer says

I thought this would be great to read on Presidents Day. I liked that the book was written on a level that children would easily understand. I also liked how the book had quotes from George Washington that were placed in speech bubbles to make the illustrations seem like they went along with the book seamlessly.

Jesse says

George's book begins with his early years, takes us through his military career, and includes the important events afterward when he voluntarily walked away from power to do his own thing. I liked that the author focused on the difficulty and pride of being the first person to do something. I found it inspiring and hope kids will, too!

Adrianna says

Loved this book . "Leadership doesn't come from Charisma or personality. It comes from Courage. The courage to do what's right. The courage to serve others. The courage to go first"

Kelly says

I really enjoyed this rudimentary biography of George Washington.

MacKenzie Duncan says

This is a book about George Washington from his point of view. It starts from his childhood, and goes till the time that he became president. This book provides a lot of great information about George Washington's life in a kid friendly way that allows students to understand and comprehend the book. I really enjoyed this book, and would love to use it in my future classroom!

Jenna Dif says

-I Am George Washington is a biographical depiction of George Washington's life in a child-friendly way. The book is from George Washington's perspective, and he recounts his life from childhood all the way up to his time as the president. The story highlights some of the major aspects of Washington's life, such as his harsh winter at Valley Forge, his childhood and family make-up, and the American Revolution. This book falls into the biographical genre since it details George Washington's life, but he did not technically write it so it would not be an auto-biography.

This book could be used in any of the elementary grades, but I think it would be best-received in the lower grades, specifically K-2. I think this is because of the pictures being so animated, the way that "George" discusses his life as a child and how he grew up knowing he would be someone important, and how it explains his accomplishments and major milestones in a way that younger children can understand and relate to, and the terminology is somewhat less advanced.

-Since we just finished our unit on President's Day, this book proved to be very helpful in facilitating student learning about the "presidents," a concept most of them had never heard of before our President's Day unit. One way this could be used would be as a read aloud, and use it to facilitate student discussion afterwards. This could be a read aloud to stretch an entire week, and because of the length of the book, you could read and/or focus on a certain part of the book each day. Using it as a read aloud is a great way to aid in student's understanding of the concepts since as a teacher, you typically stop and add your own take or background knowledge to give students a more rounded picture and provide them with details to aid in their understanding. This would be a great book to read during the week that President's Day falls on, or in discussing the genres of biography and autobiography.

-Another way you could use this book in class would be to use it for students to do some kind of dramatic play/reenactment of the story. (I am thinking specifically in the lower grades for this activity) One of the best ways to help students learn to retell a story is to have them act it out or try to recall certain parts of the story. This could be done in conjunction with the read aloud, and students could choose to act out certain parts of the story and then as a class discuss the importance of those parts of the story. Many young students do not understand what exactly the president is or what he/she does, and so having them act out what George Washington did and experienced would aid in their understanding of the president's job as well as increase their ability to recall details from a story. Having these reenactments facilitate class discussion is a great added bonus!

-This book is a WOW book to me mainly because it gives a very well-rounded view of the person of George Washington. I find that many times biographical stories or videos for children about significant figures do not include anything about their childhood or life before becoming the important person they were. This story is very different. "George" recounts things he enjoyed as a child, and even calls himself an "ordinary child!" However, he does point out that he believed he would be something great. I love that this gives students the idea that regardless of their background, ethnicity, or ability, they can grow up to be something great too! This is a different take on a biographical account of a president's life, and both myself and my students really enjoyed it!

Molly says

I am currently building a program for Presidents Day and came across this one. It is a bit long for my age group, 3-5. It also highlights Washington's time in the military without much explanation as to how that was the main way to rise up in status. And also attacks biting ones nails, which, I do not do myself, but I am not about to tell a room full of children that not biting your nails is the most important thing out there.

Personally, I am not a fan of Chistopher Eliopoulos' rip-off style of Bill Watterson, creator of the beloved Calvin and Hobbes comics. Also, George Washington was known for his height, but he stays a child throughout the book even while other characters grow up around him. I understand how he would remain approachable to children if presented as a child, but the way it is done here only makes the story more confusing.

I had started out by giving this 5 stars, but after writing the review I realize I really did not like it on many levels. I am keeping it 2 stars, but that might be generous.
