

## George vs George

### King George III

**\* Born George William Frederick  
on June 4, 1738.**

**\* Died January 29, 1820,  
at age 81.**

**\* Mentioned once in the  
Declaration of Independence,  
as "the present King of Great Britain."**

**\* Became king in 1760, at age 22. Succeeded  
his grandfather.**

**\* Ruled as king until his death in 1820.**

**\* Had light blue eyes.**

**\* Mother was Queen Augusta**

**\* Founded the  
Royal Academy of Arts during his reign.**

**\* Married a German princess named  
Charlotte in 1761. They never met before  
their wedding day.**

**\* Fathered 15 children with Charlotte.**

**\* Loved gardening and farming (agriculture) and was sometimes mockingly called "Farmer George."**

**\* Collected tens of thousands of books for his royal library.**

**\* Was declared unfit, due to mental illness, for the last 10 years of his reign. His "madness" may have been a rare disease now known as porphyria.**

**\* A study of samples of his hair in 2005 revealed high levels of arsenic, and the deadly poison may be to blame for the bouts of apparent madness he suffered.**

**\* John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence large enough "for King George to read without spectacles."**

**\* A statue of King George III that stood in Bowling Green in Lower Manhattan was torn down by the Sons of Liberty in July 1776, and the 4,000 pounds of metal were turned into 42,088 musket balls.**

**\* Became blind and deaf in his last 10 years, which he spent at Windsor Castle.**

**\* Buried at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle in Windsor, a town in England.**

- \* Over 30,000 people attended his funeral.**
  
- \* Was born two months' prematurely.**
  
- \* Became heir to the throne at age 12, when his father died.**
  
- \* Was urged by his prime minister to impose taxes on the American colonies to gain revenue because Britain faced a huge financial debt following the Seven Years' War (1756-1763).**
  
- \* Was England's longest-running monarch (59 years) until his granddaughter, Queen Victoria (63 years), surpassed him. His reign**

**is presently third longest of all time, behind Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II (68 years and counting).**

**\* Was interested in science and had his own astronomical observatory.**

**\* His collection of mathematical and scientific instruments are housed in the Science Museum in London.**

**\* Spoke English, German and French.**

**George Washington**

**\* Born February 22, 1732 in Virginia.**

**\* Died December 14, 1799 in Virginia.**

**\* Died from a throat infection.**

**\* Nickname is Father of His Country.**

**\* The famous portrait of him  
was made by Gilbert Stuart.**

**\* He married Martha Dandridge Custis,  
a widow.**

**\* Served as president from 1789-1797.**

- \* Had two stepchildren.**
  
- \* Led the Continental Army over the British in the American Revolution.**
  
- \* Was 11 years old when his dad died.**
  
- \* Worked as a surveyor (creating maps) when he was 16.**
  
- \* Virginia estate is called Mount Vernon.**
  
- \* Only president unanimously elected.**
  
- \* Did wear dentures, but did not have wooden teeth.**



- \* Did not have a middle name.**
  
- \* Barbados is the only foreign country that he visited. He went there in 1751, and he contracted smallpox when he did.**
  
- \* Had two horses shot out from underneath him at the Battle of Monongahela in 1751.**
  
- \* Only president who did not occupy the White House. During his presidency, the U.S. capital was New York City and then Philadelphia.**

