Viewing Guide

Primary Source Essentials: Washington's Farewell Address

Guiding Question

• How did George Washington's leadership and decisions shape the early republic?

Objective

☐ I can identify the important components of Washington's Farewell Address.

Washington's Farewell Address Primary Source Essentials Video

Link: https://billofrightsinstitute.org/videos/washingtons-farewell-address-primary-source-essentials

Time and Question	Response
0:30 What was the most important precedent that Washington established as president?	
1:23 In your own words, summarize why Washington believed unity in the new nation was important.	
1:40 Why was Washington concerned with political parties?	
2:04 In your own words, summarize Washington's advice regarding foreign policy.	

Reflection Questions

- 1. Why do you think the precedent of leaving the office after two terms was important?
- 2. How is Washington's Farewell Address still relevant today? Be specific in your answer.