

Watch, Pause, Reflect: Young Washington

Watch: Choose one of the four Story Explorer Profiles and record it below. Then watch the film clip through your profile lens and jot down moments or details that connect to your perspective.

Profile Lens: _____

Pause: After the clip, meet with your profile group to share your observations. Use your lens to explain why those details stand out to you.

Reflect: Meet with mixed groups or the whole class to answer the following questions:

- What moments stood out to you through your profile lens? Why?
- How did the filmmakers show Washington's challenges, choices, or growth?
- What storytelling choices (music, dialogue, camera angles, pacing) shaped how you viewed Washington?
- What emotions or ideas did the film make you think about?

Analyze your assigned primary source to corroborate or complicate the film's version. Use your answers to these questions to help frame your written reflection.

- Does the primary source confirm or complicate what the film showed?
- Where does the film align with the historical record, and where does it take creative license?
- What choices did the filmmakers make to tell their story?
- What civic virtue or moral lessons emerge from this comparison?

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