



Study Guide

Ages 11-16 Addition.

Watch 'Washington's Armor, The Journey' and then write a brief answer to each of the following questions based on the events in the movie.

1. Why was George sent to deliver a letter to the French?
2. What were Gist's concerns about 'Half King' and the Iroquois Indians, and why?
3. What compelled George Washington to cross the frozen river despite its dangers? Why was he so willing to put himself into harm's way?
4. What three things do you think George was feeling as he made his journey through deep snow and ice while being hunted by Indians and the French? (hint* there are more than three answers :)
5. Why was George Washington seemingly unafraid of the dangers he faced?
6. What qualities do you think George displayed in this film that would make him a good leader?

Answers:

1. The French had crossed the river into the Ohio country and were claiming it for themselves. They even built a fort to establish control. George was sent with a letter demanding the French return to the other side of the river and restore peace between the French and the British.
2. While many Indians had been allies with the British, Gist was primarily concerned that the French were persuading many tribes into aligning themselves against the British. Gist was very concerned about being betrayed and killed.
3. Once George determined the French's intentions he knew he had to return and warn his commander and the British people. Any delay would put his fellow citizens and soldiers into harms way.
4. There are many answers to this question, but a few possibilities are; George was probably tired. Crossing land in deep snow is exhausting. He was also probably fearful of those on his tail hunting him. Further, the speed of his crossing shows his determination to return home at all cost and warn his friends and inform his Commander.
5. George makes it known in his journal that he was very aware of the dangers he faced but that he overcame his fear with his faith that God was protecting him. He believed he was on an important mission and that no matter what was before him, he trusted God to deliver him regardless of the potential threats.
6. Again, there are many great answers to this question. George was determined, brave, and of the highest integrity. While he faced many problems and even a few failures, George's faith propelled him to be a strong leader and he strove to set an example of this to those around him.