



## MARY WASHINGTON HOUSE STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Who was Mary Washington?
  - a. George Washington's mother
  - b. George Washington's sister
  - c. A beloved Washington family servant who retired to Fredericksburg
  
2. When Mary Washington moved into this house in 1772, she was:
  - a. A United States citizen
  - b. A British citizen
  - c. A citizen of both countries
  
3. List five items found in your house that you would not find in an 18<sup>th</sup> century house?  

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4. Why would there be a lock on Mary Washington's tea box?
  - a. Tea was considered a poison and was carefully controlled
  - b. Taxes on tea made it very expensive to buy
  - c. To keep mice from getting into the tea
  
5. Why do southern 18<sup>th</sup> century houses have their kitchens in a separate building?
  - a. To keep any extra heat out of the main house
  - b. As a safety feature...to keep open flames away from the main house
  - c. Both of the above
  
6. How did children dress in the 18<sup>th</sup> century?
  - a. Like their parents
  - b. Girls and boys dressed alike until they were seven years old
  - c. Both of the above
  
7. Candles were used regularly as light. The best candles were made from
  - a. Plants boiled down into liquid, then allowed to harden.
  - b. Animal fat
  - c. Beeswax

8. What was used as a symbol of hospitality in the 18<sup>th</sup> century?
- a. Tobacco
  - b. Pineapple
  - c. Apple
9. Children were allowed into the parlour at the age of:
- a. 14
  - b. 10
  - c. 21
10. Sleeping on an 18<sup>th</sup> century bed would have been much different than sleeping on your own bed at home. You probably sleep on a set of springs and mattress. What would 18<sup>th</sup> century children have slept on?
- a. animal fur
  - b. leaves and dried grass
  - c. feathers and straw

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**Draw a picture of whatever you found to be most interesting at the Mary Washington House:**