

Virginia Studies VS.12

Virginia: Mother of President- (new 2023 standards)

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VS.12 – VIRGINIA: MOTHER OF PRESIDENT-

12) Recognize why Virginia is known as the “Mother of Presidents.”

Why “Mother of Presidents”?

- Virginia is sometimes called **The Old Dominion** and also the “**Mother of Presidents.**”
- **Eight U.S. presidents** were born in Virginia.
- **Four of the first five presidents** of the United States came from Virginia!

Virginia-Born Presidents

George Washington (1st President, 1789–1797)

- Born in **Westmoreland County, VA**
- Known as the “**Father of Our Country**”
- Led the **Continental Army** in the American Revolution
- Presided over the **Constitutional Convention**
- Home: Mount Vernon (near Washington, D.C.)

Thomas Jefferson (3rd President, 1801–1809)

- Born in Albemarle County, VA
- Wrote the **Declaration of Independence**
- Known as the “**Father of the University of Virginia**”
- Made the **Louisiana Purchase**, doubling the size of the U.S.
- Home: Monticello (Charlottesville, VA)



George Washington
1st President



Thomas Jefferson
3rd President



James Madison
4th President



James Monroe
5th President



William Henry
Harrison
9th President



John Tyler
10th President



Zachary Taylor
12th President



Woodrow Wilson
28th President

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James Madison (4th President, 1809–1817)

- Born in King George County, VA
- Known as the “**Father of the Constitution**”
- Wrote the **Bill of Rights**
- Home: Montpelier (Orange County, VA)

James Monroe (5th President, 1817–1825)

- Born in Westmoreland County, VA
- Added **Florida** to the U.S.
- Wrote the **Monroe Doctrine** (no more **European colonization** in the Americas)
- Home: Highland (Charlottesville, VA)

William Henry Harrison (9th President, 1841)

- Born in Charles City County, VA
- Served only **31 days** before dying—the **shortest presidency** in U.S. history

John Tyler (10th President, 1841–1845)

- Born in Charles City County, VA
- First **vice president** to become president after Harrison’s death
- Home: Sherwood Forest (Charles City County, VA)

Zachary Taylor (12th President, 1849–1850)

- Born in Orange County, VA
- Family moved to Kentucky when he was young
- Famous general in the **Mexican-American War**

Woodrow Wilson (28th President, 1913–1921)

- Born in Staunton, VA
- President during **World War I**
- Helped form the **League of Nations** for world peace