

**GEORGE TO GEORGE**  
**1789-1989**  
**KEY**

George Washington was the first President of the United States. Since he was the first to carry out the government established by the Constitution of the United States, President Washington had to set many precedents for Presidents to come. The presidency has evolved through the years and though some things have stayed the same, some have changed. Using your research on George Washington and by researching George Bush's Presidency in the Presidential Museum, list your findings on the following topics.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON 1789**

**Cabinet**

*There was no White House to meet his advisers.*

*He established the first four departments: State, War, Treasury and Attorney-General.*

*He brought about the custom of the president choosing his Cabinet.*

**Form of Address**

*Washington did not want a royal title; he asked to be called "Mr. President".*

**Terms in Office**

*He had decided to retire after one term, but because of problems in the government he accepted a second term. He set the precedent of two terms in office. (This precedent was not broken until 1940. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment was ratified in 1951 making 2 terms or 10 years the maximum time as president.)*

**Acts Passed During Administration**

*1789 Oath of allegiance to be sworn by federal and state officials*

*Established the position of Postmaster General*

*1790 First federal census*

*Patent and copyright protection*

*1791 Bank of the U. S.*

*1795 Naturalization law*

**Political Parties**

*Two factions – Federalists and Anti-Federalists*

*Washington tried to discourage the growth of political parties.*