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After the war, the colonies became a new country. This country was the United States of America. Americans wanted George Washington to be the leader of the country. He was elected to be the first president in 1789. George Washington was one of the best-loved presidents in American history. He is celebrated in many ways. For example, our nation’s capital, Washington D.C., was named after George Washington. The famous Washington Monument was built to honor George Washington. This tall, pointed building is more than 555 feet high. People can go to the top of the monument. They are able to look over the entire city of Washington D.C. George Washington’s face is on our quarters and dollar bills. George Washington’s birthday is celebrated as a national holiday.
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