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QUESTIONS FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

1. When was this speech given? To whom is this speech addressed? (i.e., what does the salutation say?)

2. Paragraph 2. What is George Washington assuring the listener and or reader of ?

3. Paragraph 7. What impels Washington to continue with his speech at this point? Do you agree with him? Why?

4. Paragraph 9. What does Washington tell you, an American citizen, to prize? What does he warn you of?

5. Paragraph 12. In what ways do the North, South, East, and West compliment one another?

6. Paragraph 13. What problems does Washington see with foreign nations?

7. Paragraph 15. What does Washington mean by geographical discriminations? How can this harm the nation?

8. Paragraph 16. What warnings does Washington give with respect to alliances? Explain and discuss: "The very idea of the power and the right of the people to establish government presupposes the duty of every individual to obey the established government."

9. Paragraph 22 . What encourages despotism? What ruins liberty?

10. Paragraph 24. What harm do "parties" or factions cause? Give current event examples. Do you agree with Washington? Why?

11. Paragraph 25. According to Washington, what is the "natural tendency" of parties? Look at party politics today. Have Washington's prediction proven true or false? Give examples.

12. Paragraph 30. Discuss how Washington viewed debt? Taxes? Do you agree/disagree?

13. Paragraph 31. What does Washington recommend with respect to other nations? Why?

14. Paragraph 34. What is a primary danger of foreign influence on domestic groups?

15. In your opinion, what is the most important advice George Washington gave in his farewell address? Include evidence from the address and an explanation for why you think it was so important.