

## The Two Georges: George Washington and George Mason Transparency

### George Washington

- 1732 born in Westmoreland County, Virginia
- 1752 upon the death of a brother inherits Mount Vernon estate
- 1755 becomes commander-in-chief of Virginia's militia
- 1759 marries Martha Custis one of the richest women in Virginia
- 1775-1781 serves as commander of the Continental Army
- 1787 presides over the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia
- 1788 unanimous choice of the Electoral College to be president
- 1789-1797 serves as the first president of the United States
- 1799 dies at Mount Vernon

### George Mason

- 1725 born at Gunston Hall, Fairfax County, Virginia
- 1746 assumes control of Gunston Hall plantation
- 1758-1761 represents Fairfax County in Virginia's House of Burgesses
- 1765-1766 active in the Stamp Act protests
- 1774 co-authors *Fairfax Resolves* with George Washington
- 1776 writes the *Virginia Declaration of Rights* and the *Virginia Constitution*
- 1787 represents Virginia at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia; refuses to sign the *Constitution* because it lacks a bill of rights
- 1792 dies at Gunston Hall