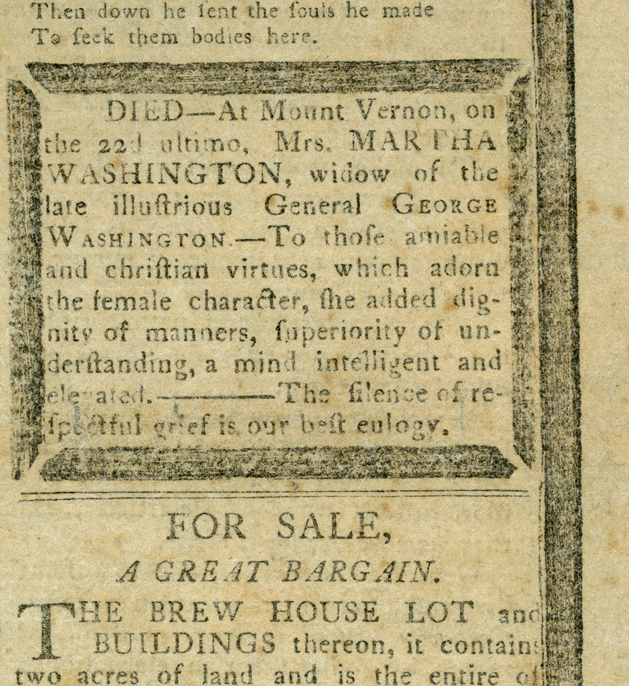
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The Death of Martha Washington

**Background Information:** Martha Washington passed away at Mount Vernon on May 22, 1802 at the age of 70 following an illness that lasted several weeks. At the time of her death she was surrounded by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Newspapers around the country eulogized her as "the worthy partner of the worthiest of men." This obituary appeared in the Augusta Herald, published in Georgia, on June 9, 1802.

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**Source:** George Washington’s Mount Vernon: [*http://www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-sources-2/article/martha-washingtons-obituary-june-9-1802/*](http://www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-sources-2/article/martha-washingtons-obituary-june-9-1802/)

**Vocabulary:** *eulogy:* a formal speech that praises a person who has died.

**Contextualizing the Source:**1.When was this source created? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

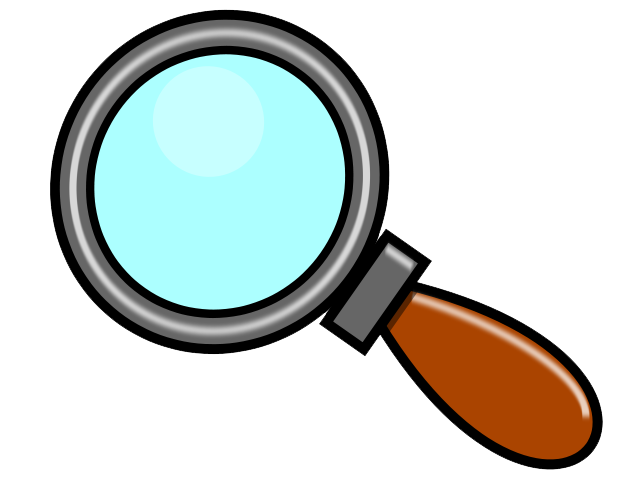
2. Who is this text about? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3a. Is this a primary or secondary source? Explain your thinking. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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3b. What type of source is it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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5. Who is the intended audience for this source? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**After reading the text, answer the following questions:**

1. Why might the names Martha Washington and General George Washington on lines   
 2-5 be written in all capital letters? Why did the author write the names this way?   
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2. Go back and reread the *Background Information*. Using that information, what does   
 the word *ultimo* mean in the context of this document? How do you know?   
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3. The Latin word *amicus* means friendly. How does knowing the meaning of this word  
 help you to understand the meaning of the word *amiable* on line 5? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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4a. Do you notice anything unusual with the spelling of some of the words in the   
 passage? If so, list the words here:  
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4b. In the text, each of the words that you wrote on the list above. Write what   
 you think the modern spelling of each word would be.

5. Annotate and underline the characteristics used to describe Martha Washington in  
 the above text. Which one of those characteristics, do you think, is the most   
 important and why? Explain your thinking. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What does the author say would be the “best” eulogy? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What 3 words from the text are most important to understanding the author’s tone  
 of the text? Explain your choices using evidence from the text. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What was the author’s purpose for writing this document? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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