

Gerstell Academy 9th Grade President's Summer Challenge

Leadership: The art of positively influencing others to unite in a common direction and guiding them to improve themselves and their community.

George Washington was an extraordinary man who lived by the Gerstell definition of leadership and was known for his many accomplishments as a military leader, leader of the Continental Congress, and the first President of the United States. The foundation for his leadership was laid when he was a young man growing up in the new frontier. As a young leader, studying George Washington will give you many leadership lessons to follow in your life. You will be amazed at what this young man accomplished and the incredible hardships he overcame to be one of the greatest leaders in world history. This Challenge is entirely voluntary.

The Challenge:

1. Read: Volume 1 of "*The Life of George Washington*" by Washington Irving
2. Write a 200 word reflection titled "Be Like George, The Leadership Lesson I Learned from George Washington and How I Will Apply It To My Life". Please weave into your essay the Gerstell Academy Principles, Attributes, and Leadership Definition to help describe your progress as a positive leader. The essay will be turned into your ninth grade leadership teacher no later than the first day of classes. Please type this essay.

The Reward

If successful, you will receive recognition by:

- Going to lunch with Dr. Smith at a venue outside of school.
- You will be reimbursed for the cost of the paperback edition of the book which can be purchased on Amazon for about \$20.00. Please note: there are many other editions. This one is May 23, 2007 and is paperback.