

3b. George Washington (the Lansdowne portrait), 1796



I. Related Documents from the National Archives

Note: *To access documents from the National Archives Catalog:*

- a) Click on the link provided and Select the “Digital Copies” tab OR**
- b) Visit <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/> and enter the Identifier #**

The George Washington Bicentennial Commission, *compiled* 1931 - 1932

National Archives Identifier 532858

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=532858>

(Note: Click on Includes 86 items in ARC to access all images)

Sketch of the George Washington Statue

National Archives Identifier 5716609

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=5716609>

Art and Archives

Sketch of and Correspondence Relative to the Statue of George Washington by Horatio Greenough, *compiled 1832 - 1841*

National Archives Identifier 1077415

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=1077415>

Pictures of the Revolutionary War

<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/american-revolution/pictures/index.html>

II. Suggested Activities

- 1. Creative Activity:** The George Washington Bicentennial Commission was established to celebrate the life of Washington and to collect and preserve the writings and artworks related to his life and times. Explore the images of George Washington in this collection and choose 5 images to curate a small exhibit concerning the life and legacy of George Washington using these images. What do these photographs reveal about George Washington's personality? What does this tell about his role in our nation's history?
- 2. Compare and Contrast:** Compare the Lansdowne portrait by Gilbert Stuart with the Sketch of the George Washington statue by Horatio Greenough. List 5 similarities and 5 differences between these two depictions of George Washington. Which do you feel is a better depiction? Why?
- 3. Further Research:** Visit the National Archives catalog at <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/> and search for George Washington. After looking at the primary source documents from his time and the documents about his legacy, write a newspaper editorial about why George Washington is the most important founding father.