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**Washington’s Farewell Address**

*Overview:* The Final address by George Washington to his fellow citizens as he was leaving the presidency. He wrote the address in 1796 but never delivered it. The address was widely published in newspapers around the country.

**Excerpt 1:**

**"The unity (togetherness) of government...is a main part of your real independence...of your tranquility (Peacefulness) at home, your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very liberty (freedom) which you so highly prize.”**

1. What does GW say makes you truly peaceful and free?
2. What does GW say you will get if the government is together?

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**Excerpt 2:**

**"It serves to distract the Public Councils, and (make weak the Public Administration....annoy the Community with not factual jealousies and false alarms; makes greater the animosity of one....against another....it opens the door to foreign influence and corruption”**

1. Does GW think Political Parties are good or bad?
2. What are three things GW says will happen if there are political parties?

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**Excerpt 3:**

**"It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion (part) of the foreign world...”**

1. What is GW’s advice for alliances with other countries?

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**Excerpt 4:**

**"...avoid the need of those overgrown (too large) military establishments, which, under any form of government, are not important to liberty, and which are to be regarded as particularly hostile to Republican Liberty.”**

1. Does GW think there should be large military establishments?
2. How do you think GW thought a large military would hurt your freedom or liberty? (Think back to before the American Revolution

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**Excerpt 5:**

**“In thinking about the causes that may disturb our Union, it is a serious concern that we would characterize parties by geographical location: Northern and Southern; Atlantic and Western; It may create a belief that there is a real difference of local interests.”**

1. Does GW think we should use location in the country to determine parties?
2. What does he say will happen if we characterize parties by geographical location?

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