

A classical oil painting portrait of George Washington, showing him from the chest up. He has a serious expression, looking slightly to the left. He is wearing a white powdered wig, a white cravat, and a dark coat. The background is dark and indistinct.

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