

## So You Think You Know George – Answer Key

1. False – He powdered his red hair to look white - but no wig.
2. True – He did have two step-children from Martha’s prior marriage.
3. True - At 21, he delivered a message from the English Governor Dinwiddie to the Commandant of the French forces warning him to leave the Ohio River Valley. He was rebuffed, which “kicked” off the war in North America.
4. False – He did wear dentures but they were not primarily made of wood.
5. False – This was a myth made up by Parson Weems to make money.
6. False – He was shot at numerous times, but amazingly never wounded. He considered this to be an act of God.
7. True – Not once but twice!
8. True – He especially enjoyed foxhunting.
9. False – He was a much better writer than speaker, appearing shy and aloof.
10. True – Although no one knows for sure, this appears to be true in light of some of his letters to her. They both remained loyal to their spouses though.
11. True – In 1777 he owned 164 slaves; there were also 153 slaves that his step-children technically owned.
12. False – He did not appear to be particularly close to her, but was dutiful.
13. True – Jacky Custis, his stepson, died there, but of typhus, not battle wounds.
14. True - The treatment of multiple “bleedings” probably didn’t help much either.