

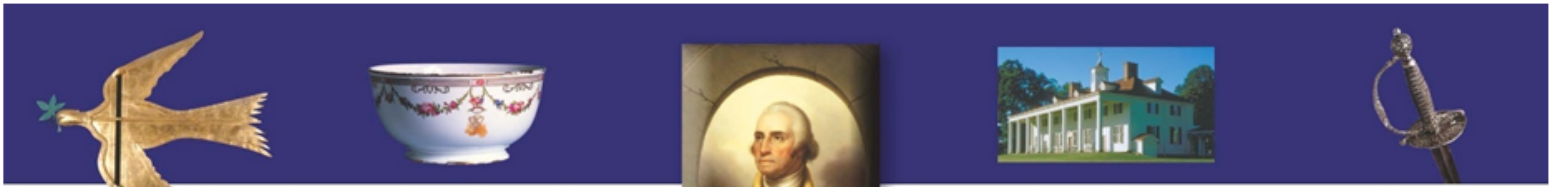


Crossing the Delaware River Coloring Sheet

In the bitter cold of December 1776, George Washington's battered army launched a surprise attack on the Hessian garrison at Trenton, New Jersey. His troops crossed the ice-choked Delaware River and ambushed the encampment on December 26th, when the soldiers were still recovering from their Christmas festivities. Washington's forces took the town and captured nearly a thousand Hessian soldiers, less than an hour after they first attacked. At last, the Continental Army had won a victory. Here we see Washington as he appeared in the famous but fanciful painting by Emmanuel Leutze, done many years after the event it portrays. It is unlikely that Washington, a prudent commander, would have stood up in the bows of a boat being maneuvered across an ice-filled river. This is, however, certainly one of the most well-known depictions of Washington- accurate or not. The coloring sheet is on the next page.



Painting: Emmanuel Leutze, "George Washington Crossing the Delaware," 1851, Metropolitan Museum of Art.



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