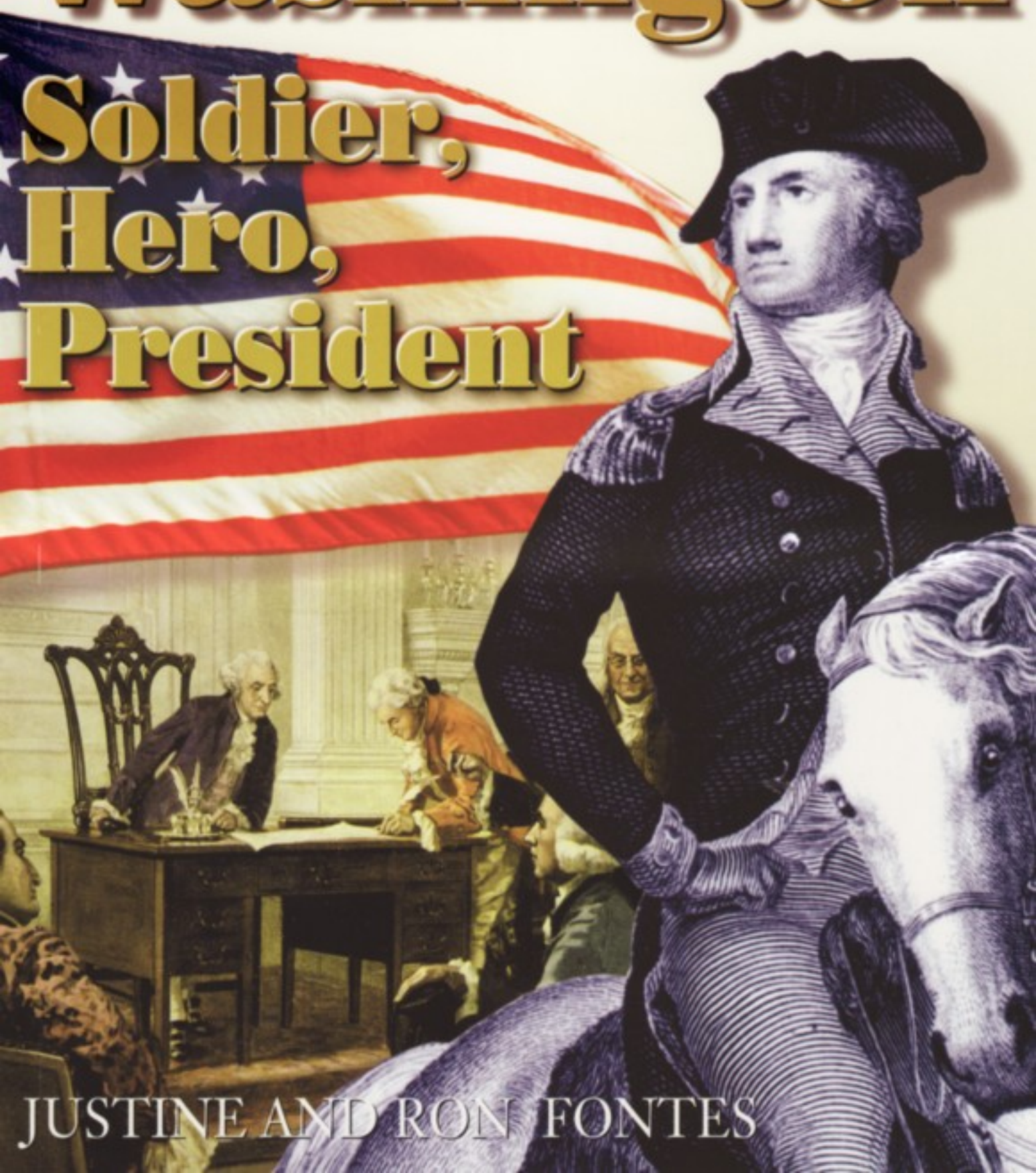


George Washington

Soldier,
Hero,
President



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Virginia once had more wild animals than people and many more trees than buildings. Most of America belonged to the Native Americans. European nations like England and France ruled small colonies and wanted to rule the rest of the land.





George missed his father, but he still had someone to look up to—his half-brother, Lawrence, who was 14 years older. Lawrence had gone to school in England and was a colonial officer in the British Army. He fought for the English in the Caribbean War.



The Boston Tea Party

Some Americans got tired of paying taxes to England without having a voice in how the money would be spent. They protested against “taxation without representation” by refusing to buy English goods, like tea. During the Boston Tea Party 50 angry Americans disguised as Mohawk Indians dumped 340 chests of English tea in the sea!





George realized America had problems. To pay for the French and Indian War, England put high taxes on imported goods.

George proposed that Americans refuse to buy things from England. This

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and one of the bravest soldiers
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