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George Washington: Shaping the Presidency and Its Traditions

Short Answer Key

1. George Washington added "so help me God" to the presidential oath of office.
2. George Washington's decision to voluntarily step down from the presidency after two terms established the tradition of a two-term presidency.
3. In his Farewell Address, George Washington advised against political parties and foreign alliances.
4. George Washington selected the site for the President's House, which later became known as the White House, and oversaw its construction.
5. George Washington's commitment to religious freedom and tolerance is reflected in his letter to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, where he emphasized the importance of religious liberty.

