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George Washington

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The Whiskey Rebellion

Washington's new government was in need of money and Congress approved a tax on all liquor and whiskey made and sold in the United States. This upset corn farmers very much. Farmers who grew corn usually converted the corn into whiskey because it was easier to ship barrels of whiskey to markets than corn that was bulky and difficult to haul over rough roads. Many corn farmers refused to pay the tax. They compared it to the English taxes imposed on the colonies. In 1794, after refusing to pay the whiskey tax, farmers rebelled by singing Revolutionary songs and tarring and feathering tax collectors.

If you were the President, what would you do? _____

What did President Washington do? _____

President Washington sent in the
U.S. military to stop the riots.
The whiskey rebellion shows that
the U.S. government is strong
