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George Washington

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The following is an excerpt from George Washington's **Farewell Address** issued on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1796.

Observe good faith and justice towards all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.

Hatred towards one nation for another disposes each more readily to offer insult and injury, to lay hold of slight causes of anger, and to be haughty and headstrong when accidental and minor occasions of dispute occur.

So likewise a passionate attachment of one nation for another produces a variety of evils. Sympathy for the favorite nation helps create the illusion of an imaginary and common interest in cases where no real common interest occurs. It introduces into one the hatreds of the other.

Therefore, it must be unwise for us to involve ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary combinations and collisions of other countries friendships or hatreds.

- cultivate – try to develop
- haughty – arrogantly superior
- headstrong - stubborn
- dispute – argument or conflict

1. Are there any other words you aren't sure what they mean? List them here and define them using the dictionaries.

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2. What do you think Washington is saying in the second paragraph?

Don't make enemies with foreign nations

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3. What is Washington saying in the third paragraph?

It would not be smart to get involved in other countries problems. Don't make alliances with foreign nations

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4. What is Washington's overall message in this part of his speech?

Stay neutral. Don't get involved in foreign affairs.

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