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## **Precedents of George Washington**

Washington created the first Presidential Cabinet. Who was on the Cabinet, and what Departments did they represent? Who is on the Cabinet today, and what Departments do they represent?

According to " Cabinet Members". According to " Cabinet".

## **Thomas Jefferson-Secretary of State Joseph Biden-Vice President**

Alexander Hamilton-Secretary of the Treasury John Kerry-Department of State

Henry Knox-Secretary of War Jack Lew-Department of the Treasury

Edmund Randolph-Attorney General Ashton Carter-Department of Defense

Loretta Lynch-Department of Justice

Sally Jewell-Department of the Interior

Thomas Vilsack-Department of Agriculture

Penny Pritzker-Department of Commerce

Thomas Perez-Department of Labor

Sylvia Burwell-Department of Health and Human Services

Julián Castro-Department of Housing and Urban Development

## **Anthony Foxx-Department of Transportation**

Ernest Moniz-Department of Energy

Arne Duncan-Department of Education

Robert McDonald-Department of Veteran Affairs

Jeh Johnson-Department of Homeland Security

2. Washington was the first President to leave office after two terms. Did he

specifically intend for future presidents to be limited to two terms? Who were the presidents who tried for three terms? Who was the successful one?

According to “ Presidential Precedents” and “ The Presidency of George Washington”, Washington was aware that every decision he made set a precedent including keeping his presidency to two terms.

3. Washington was the first to establish foreign policy, and issued the Proclamation of Neutrality. What situation did this proclamation address? What agency advises the President on foreign policy today? What is the role of this agency?

George Washington explained in his “ Proclamation of Neutrality” that the United States needed to remain neutral during the Napoleonic Wars. Today, according to “ Duties of the Secretary of State”, the Secretary of State advises the President. He then works through the State Department and the Foreign Service in enforcing policy.

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