Beginning in 1753, when he was in his early 20s, George Washington began to play a key role in the events leading up to and during the French and Indian War.

The story of “young Washington” is not widely known, despite the crucial role that Washington’s actions and experiences in the 1750s shaped both himself and the nation he would help lead to independence in the 1770s.

*Washington on the Frontier* is a StoryMap which allows users to move through locations in chronological order using arrow buttons, or navigate to specific locations by clicking directly on a pin.

Each location is identified as a pin on a map. Each location is accompanied by a captioned image and between 100 and 120 words of text describing the events of Washington’s journey that took place at that location.

The StoryMap not only introduces users to a little known chapter of Washington’s life but does so in a way that helps visualize time and space.

Washington on the Frontier provides a way for users to understand the spatial reality of Washington’s frontier travels.

Users can see the immense distances that Washington traveled at a very young age.