**Background Summary**

 George Washington led the American army during the Revolutionary War. He helped the thirteen colonies win their independence from the strongest power in the world. In 1789, Washington was elected as the first president of the United States. He led the American army and the country at times when it was uncertain whether the United States would continue to exist as a nation. During both those times, Washington had to solve many problems that the country had never dealt with before. This graphic novel shows Washington toward the end of his presidency. He is sharing his personal experiences and his opinions about the United States and its future.

**Analyzing Visuals**

In the novel, there are pictures with Washington’s statements.

Describe each image and what it might represent.

**1) American Flag**

**Example:** The American flag is close to George Washington’s heart because he fought in the Revolutionary war against the British to gain independence and freedom and the flag symbolizes this.

**2) Declaration of Independence**

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**3) Bald Eagle**

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**4) Capital Building**

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