

Legacies of Great Men

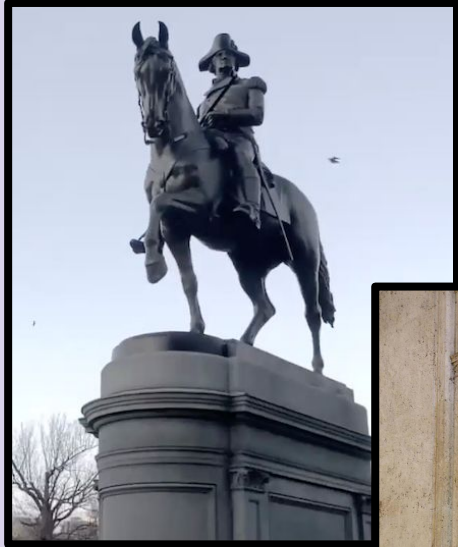


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History is the precipitation of time. To create the future, we must understand the past, as well as the legacies of great men. The photo on the left shows the statue of George Washington, which is located in the Public Garden in Boston. This colossal equestrian bronze statue was cast and dedicated in 1869 to honor the "Father of His Country." Washington's crucial role during the American Revolutionary War, Constitutional Convention, and his two terms as the first President of the United States led to him eventually receiving this title. Being placed in the middle of the vast lawn and having a symmetrical layout around it shows this historical figure's power to American citizens. On the right is the statue of Ito Hirobumi, which is placed in Tokyo. Ito Hirobumi was a Japanese politician and the first Prime Minister of Japan. Being a powerful intellectual and political force behind the reform of Japanese laws and institutions, Ito played a crucial role in shaping the country. The statue is located in the National Diet Building, one of Japan's most prestigious places, showing how important Ito's contributions mean to the Japanese. Despite Washington and Ito's differences in their cultural backgrounds, the theme "legacy" connects them. Their contributions won the people's support, their assertion led their countries to a better state, and their remarkable legacies remain up to now. In conclusion, these great men have exerted a profound influence on the course of history and given future generations the backing and the power to move forward. By devoting their lives to their countries, they not only strengthened their countries but also promoted the common development of the East and the West. The legacies of these great men have remained and will always remain.