

Vocabulary: Book Caption

"Like others in the 18th century who needed medical assistance, Washington relied on a combination of home health remedies, common sense, herbal treatments, and medical science, as dispensed by an array of doctors, surgeons, dentists, barbers, apothecaries, nurses, midwives, and the occasional charlatan or quack. He turned to medical advice found in the books in his library, and ordered an assortment of common and patent medicines for his family, staff, and slaves."

TASK 1: Read the book caption above, and circle words that you do not know. List them on the left column in the table below. Note your definition of those words you understood in context in the middle column. Look up all listed words and note their dictionary definition on the right column.

TERM	YOUR DEFINITION	DICTIONARY DEFINITION
remedies		
dispensed dispense		
apothecaries		
midwives		
charlatan		
quack		
patent medicines		

TASK 2: Is the text primary or secondary source? Explain your answer.

TASK 3: Summarize the caption in your own words.