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The picture shows Washington crossing the Delaware on Christmas Day, 1776. He is launching a surprise attack on the British at Trenton.