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Lesson Plan

All About the Presidents

Lesson Plan for *Presidents' Day*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students identify the main topic and retell key details of a video and a text about Presidents' Day and the US presidents.

Things Needed

- *Presidents' Day* book
- One copy of the "Presidential Fun Facts" worksheet (attached) for each student
- Access to the "Presidents' Day" web page on the Pop! website:
<http://popbooksonline.com/holidays/presidents-day>
- Access to the "PBS Learning Media: Presidents' Day" video listed on the "Explore Links" tab of the Pop! web page. This video can also be found here:
<https://tpt.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/43c3ae84-c685-4828-9d7e-1c8fc09cad3f/presidents-day-all-about-the-holidays>
- Access to the "National Geographic Kids: Presidential Fun Facts" web page listed on the "Explore Links" tab of the Pop! web page. This website can also be found here: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/history/presidential-fun-facts/>

Before the Activity

Read *Presidents' Day* out loud to students. Open the "Presidents' Day" web page in your internet browser. Pull up the "Explore Links" tab and click open both the "PBS Learning Media: Presidents' Day" and "National Geographic Kids: Presidential Fun Facts" links. Print enough copies of the "Presidential Fun Facts" worksheet so that each student can have a copy.



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Activity

Start by watching the video on the “PBS Learning Media: Presidents’ Day” web page. Ask students the following questions:

- When is Presidents’ Day? (Answer: the third Monday in February)
- What did Presidents’ Day originally celebrate? (Answer: George Washington’s birthday)
- Who was George Washington? (Answer: He was the first US president.)
- What does Presidents’ Day celebrate now? (Answer: It’s a day to celebrate all of the presidents.)
- How do schools celebrate the holiday? (Answer: Students learn about all of the different presidents.)

Hand out the “Presidential Fun Facts” worksheet to the students. Have students fill out the worksheet to discover facts about other US presidents. Students can use the “National Geographic Kids: Presidential Fun Facts” web page to find the answers.

Evaluation

Could students answer questions about Presidents’ Day after watching the video? Could students use the web page to answer questions about the different US presidents? Use the following answer key to evaluate students’ answers.

Answer Key

1. George Washington
2. Jimmy Carter
3. Ronald Reagan
4. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
5. Ulysses S. Grant
6. William Henry Harrison
7. James Garfield

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards’ reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.1).



Presidential Fun Facts

1. This president's favorite food was ice cream.

2. This president used to farm peanuts.

3. This president was a movie actor before he became the 40th president.

4. This president was the first to ride in an airplane.

5. This president once got a speeding ticket for riding his horse and buggy too fast down the street.

6. This president once studied to be a medical doctor.

7. This president was the first left-handed president.
