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Week 1

The Presidency

Lesson 1

Write the definitions from the glossary for the following vocabulary terms.

1. elected

2. election

Read the following text for good understanding.



Presidential Seal

The most powerful person in the world today is the President of the United States of America. It is the most powerful job anyone has ever held. Being the President is very hard.

This year we will learn about the 44 Presidents of the United States since 1789. They have been very different. Some of the Presidents have been young. Some have

been older. Some of the Presidents were rich. Some were from poor families.

Some of the Presidents loved the job. Some did not like it. The President must make many hard choices. It is difficult to digest all of the information needed to make wise choices. Being President can be very lonely. Some were glad when they were done.

None of our Presidents have been perfect. Everyone makes mistakes. Some were good Presidents. Others were not. Some lived lives that no one should copy. Some trusted the Lord Jesus and loved the Bible. Others ignored it completely.

The President is **elected** (chosen) by the people. A President has to be at least 35 years old. The President must be born in this country. The President must have lived here 14 years and be a citizen of the United States.

The time when people choose a President is called an **election**.

A Presidential election takes place every four years.

It is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November. The polls open very early in the morning. Voters can still vote until late in the evening.

Week 2

The 1st President: George Washington

Lesson 1

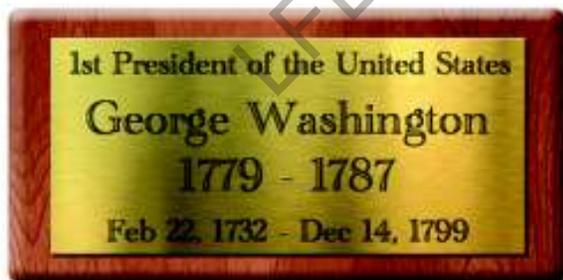
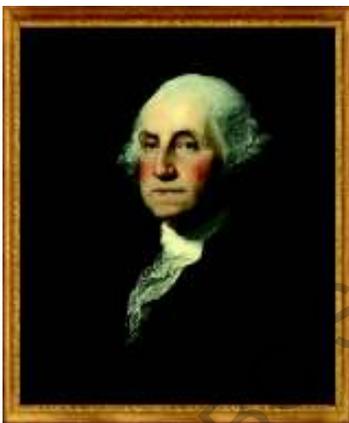
Write the definitions from the glossary for the following vocabulary terms.

1. plantation

2. Constitution

3. widow

Read the following text for good understanding.



Heritage

George Washington's great-grandparents came to Virginia from England. They had owned a lot of land in England. They soon became large landowners in Virginia.

Background

George Washington began school at age six. He was a good student. He always had trouble with spelling (even after he was President). He was very good at math. He spent a lot of time hunting, fishing, riding horses, and playing in the woods.

As a soldier he fought the Indians and the French.

He later was the Commanding General of the new Army in the War for Independence. After the war, George returned to Mt. Vernon to farm. He raised lambs into sheep for their wool. He loved dogs. He owned a Newfoundland, Dalmatians, Spaniels, and Terriers. Terrier dogs were useful on the Mt. Vernon **plantation**. They hunted and killed rats.

He helped set up the new government. George Washington helped to write our **Constitution**.

Family

George Washington married Martha Custis. She was a young **widow** with four children. He loved them dearly.

Lesson 2

Matching.

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|----------|------------------------|----|---|
| _____ 1. | spelling | A. | George Washington was good in this subject. |
| _____ 2. | math | B. | Washington was not good in this subject. |
| _____ 3. | Indians and the French | C. | Washington fought these groups in battle |
| _____ 4. | George Washington | D. | George Washington's wife |
| _____ 5. | Constitution | E. | Washington helped to write this. |
| _____ 6. | Martha Custis | F. | was our Commanding General of the new Army in the War for Independence. |

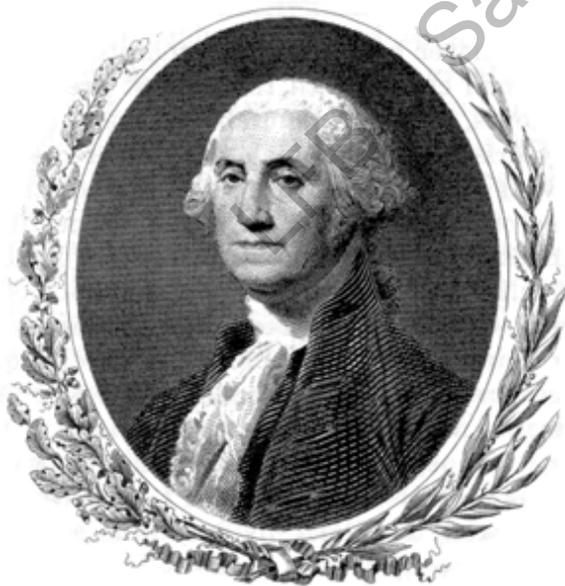
True or False.

- _____ 7. George Washington was born on February 22, 1732.
- _____ 8. George Washington was a good student.

Lesson 3

Read the following text for good understanding.

As President



President Washington

Every one chose George Washington to be our first leader. No one voted against him.

He was very popular. They did not know what to call him. At last they decided on the title "President." When speaking to the President, people say, "Mr. President."

President George Washington did many things to help the new nation. He was honest and a good leader. He was a good example for later Presidents. He helped America deal with the other countries.

He was re-elected for a second term. The people wanted him to run for a third term. He told everyone that eight years was long enough as the President.

Afterwards

George Washington retired and lived on his beautiful plantation home at Mt. Vernon, Virginia. It had been left to his mother when George's older brother, Laurence, died. George named it Mt. Vernon. Today, over one million people visit Mt. Vernon each year to learn about the man who was our first President. He is remembered by this

phrase, “First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.”

George Washington is called “The Father of Our Country.”

Religion



General Washington Praying

George Washington spoke often in public about God and the Bible. He said, “Make sure you are doing what God wants you to do – then do it with all your strength.”

He had a private prayer book. In it he wrote about his faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. He was baptized by a Baptist pastor named John Gano.

Notes

George Washington is our most honored President. President Washington sat for his portrait for 19 different artists.

The nation’s capital city is named after him – Washington, D.C. He did not get to live in the White House because it was still being built. He ran the country from a house in Philadelphia. It did not have enough room to do everything a President needed to do. He is the only President with a State named after him, the State of Washington.

A giant monument in Washington, D.C. is dedicated to him.

A monument is something that keeps a memory alive. His is called the Washington Monument. It is easy to see because it is over 555 feet tall. It boldly points up to the bright sun on a clear day.

There is a small metal cap on top that says, “Laus Deo,” which means, “Praise be to God!”

Wigs were worn by some men. President Washington did not wear one. He did like to wear a tricorne hat (a three corner hat) which was popular for military uniforms. It was also fashionable in public.

George Washington had a mouth full of false teeth.

His face appears on: our one dollar bill



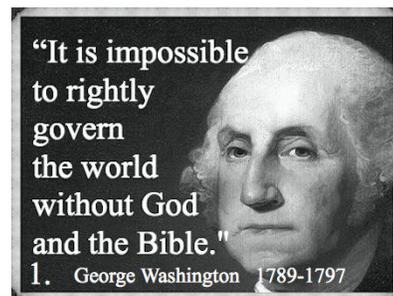
our quarters (25 cent coin)



on many issues of United States postal stamps



Famous Saying



Quote

“Let the reigns of government then be braced and held with a steady hand and every violation of the Constitution be remembered. If defective let it be amended, but not suffered to be trampled upon.”

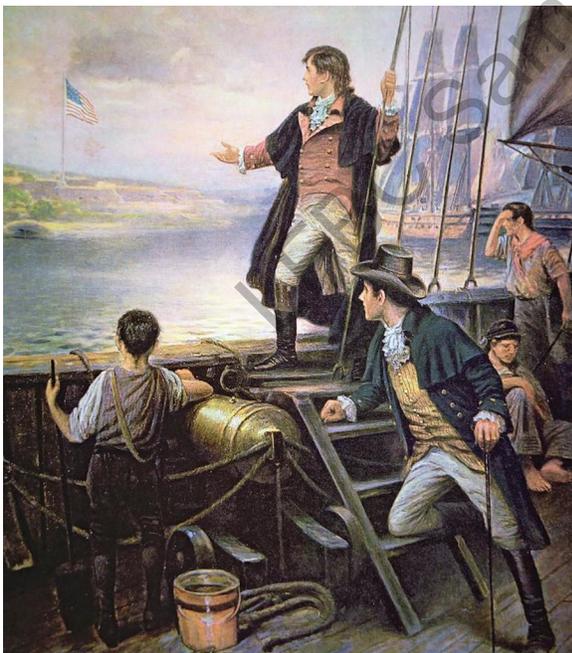
Read the following text for good understanding.

As President



President Madison

President James Madison did many of the same things President Jefferson had done. The United States fought the War of 1812 against England.



National Anthem

When we sing the Star-Spangled Banner, remember that it was written during that

war. We almost lost. The English attacked much of Washington, D.C. The White House was burned during the War of 1812.



Dolley Madison

Mrs. Dolley Madison (the First Lady) saved a famous portrait of President George Washington from the fire. She was able to spot it and carry it out. It is on display today.



Painting rescued

President Madison was elected to a second term. Like Jefferson, President Madison tried to keep the government small. Even President Madison's enemies said he was a fair and honest man.

Afterwards

James and Mrs. Madison lived on their Montpelier estate in Virginia. He wrote about the evils of **slavery**. He would have many more mellow, **peaceful** years in his retirement home at Montpelier. He died in 1836.

Religion

Madison worshiped at an Episcopal Church. He believed that Jesus Christ is God. He also believed the Bible is the Word of God. He believed in personal salvation.

Notes

Madison's face is on:
the \$5,000 bill

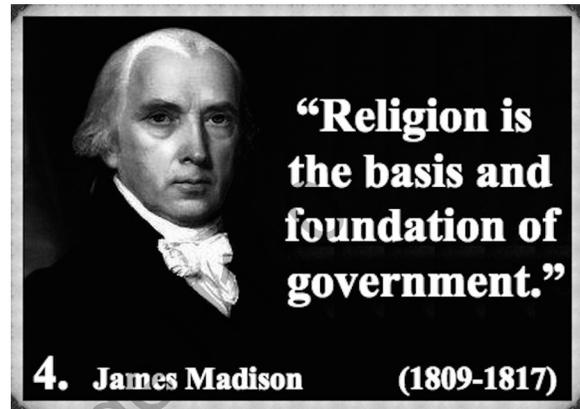


James Madison was the shortest man ever to serve as President. He was only 5 feet, 4 inches tall.

He was the first President to wear long pants.

Madison once received a pedometer (which measures footsteps) from his friend, Thomas Jefferson. He strapped an adjustable tape from the belt to a knee. The instrument allowed him to know how far he walked.

Famous Saying



Quote

"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

Lesson 3

Write the definitions from the glossary for the following vocabulary terms.

1. divided

2. Civil War

3. assassinated

Read the following text for good understanding.

As President



President Lincoln

President Lincoln had a big problem. He faced a **divided** country. He wanted to keep the country together, the way it was founded. The new country made up of the Southern States wanted to stay separate. The “War Between the States” followed.

Many people learned to love and greatly admire President Abraham Lincoln for all that he was doing during the **Civil War**. His hard work and much prayer led to the North

winning the war. Near the end of the war, President Lincoln was able to free all of the slaves.

President Lincoln was hated and feared by others. The President wanted to help the country heal back into one united country. He didn’t have time. President Lincoln was **assassinated** just five days after The Civil War peace treaty was signed. On April 14, 1865 President Lincoln was with his wife watching a play. They had special, curtain-draped, theater box seats. The Civil War was over. He went to a play with his wife and friends. He decided to relax and mix pleasure with his busy work schedule.

Some people heard the gunshot ring out. The President had been shot. The man who fired the gun jumped from the balcony. He caught his foot in a draped flag and broke his leg. He limped across the stage while trying to get away. The audience thought he was part of the show. His name was John Wilkes Booth. He was an actor and had been in many seasons of plays in the Ford Theater. He escaped, but he was found after twelve days. He refused to surrender and was shot.

President Lincoln was the first President in American history to be assassinated.

Religion

Abraham Lincoln was a Christian. He often gave testimony to his personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He loved and read his Bible. He talked often in his speeches about the Lord and the Bible – perhaps more than any other President.

Notes

Abraham Lincoln's picture is on:
the \$5 bill



the penny



The Lincoln Memorial was built to honor the sixteenth President. A picture of the memorial is on the back of the \$5 bill and some older pennies. If you look closely, you can see the statue in the middle of the columns. You might need a magnifying glass to see the statue on a penny!



Statue of Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

President Lincoln was the first President to have a beard. He had received a letter from a seven year old girl, Grace. She wrote that he would look better with a beard. It would hide his thin face. The President decided that he was going to grow the beard. He later found her and thanked Grace in person.

President Lincoln has been honored with several U.S. Post Office stamp issues.

Some people, especially in the South, do not think that Lincoln was such a good man.

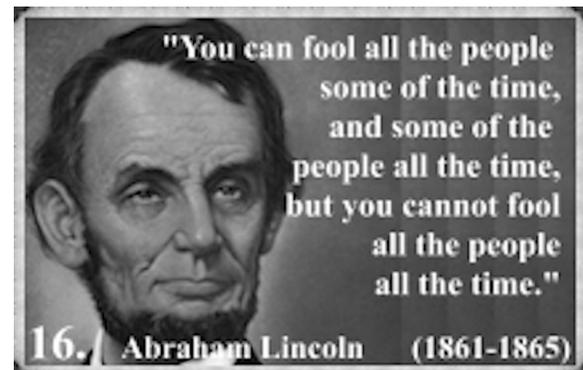
Famous Saying

"A house divided against itself cannot stand." (Taken from Matthew 12:25)

Quotes

"This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom ... government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

"I do the very best I know how – the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end."



Religion

In 2008, Barack Obama told a Christian magazine, “I am a Christian, and I am a devout Christian. I believe in the redemptive death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I believe that that faith gives me a path to be cleansed of sin and have eternal life.”

Because of some things he has said and done, a poll taken in 2012 found that 17% of Americans believed that he was a Muslim.

Many things he did and supported while he was the President are things the Bible says are wrong, and not accepted by Christians.

Notes

His name means, “one who is blessed.”

He is the 8th left-handed President.

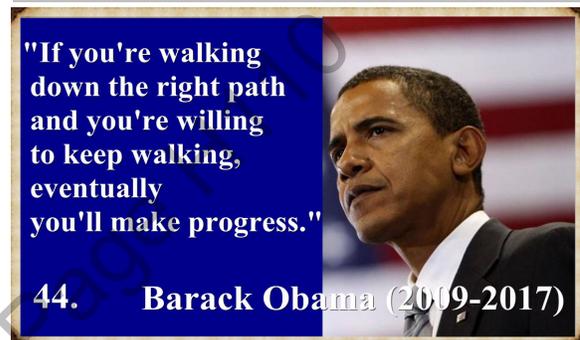
First Lady Michelle Obama wanted to help children eat healthier and lose weight. The government started changing the food served at schools. It may have been more nutritious, but did not taste as good.

Obama had to prove that he was born in America. Some people said he was born in another country and could not legally be the President. In 2011 a copy of his birth certificate from Hawaii (a U.S. State) was put on the White House website.

Famous Saying

Barack Obama said, “There is not a black America and white America and Latino America and Asian America – there is the United States of America.”

Quote



Lesson 4

WORD BOX

America	United	left-handed
energy	African-American	health

Word Box: Fill in the blanks using words from the Word Box.

- Barack Obama is America's first _____ - _____ President.
- “Obamacare” required all Americans to have _____ insurance.
- Obama said that our _____ sources should not harm the environment.
- Barack Obama had to prove that he was born in _____.
- Obama is the 8th _____ - _____ President.
- Barack Obama stated: “There is not a black America and white America and Latino America and Asian America – there is the _____ States of America.”

Week 36

The 45th President: Donald Trump

Lesson 1

Write the definition from the glossary for the following vocabulary terms.

1. discipline
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2. real estate
-

3. billionaire
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Read the following text for good understanding.



Heritage

Donald John Trump was born June 14, 1946 in a part of New York City called Queens. His parents were Fred and Mary Anne Trump. They were in the construction business. They would build big apartment buildings for people to live in. They bought and sold property and buildings.

Background

As a little boy, Donald Trump had a lot of energy and seemed to be a good leader. When he was 13 years old, his parents decided to send him to the New York Military Academy. They wanted to give him more **discipline** and try to help train him to use his abilities for success in life. He liked the school and was a good student. He became a good athlete and student leader there. He then went to college to learn more about how to run a business.



Donald Trump at age 17

During the summers when school was out, he liked to work with his father at the construction sites. After college, he decided to stay in the business and made it his career.

He was able to take over the business and started to invest in more expensive **real estate**. He had very big ideas and took risks, which made him very successful and wealthy. He became a **billionaire!**

Trump has written more than fifteen books about business and about America. Some of them have been best-sellers.

He also made appearances in several movies and television shows. He even had his own television show.

He has always loved America and knew that he would not have been able to be so successful in any other country. He pointed out things he thought the government could do differently to help America be better and stronger. People used to ask him if he would ever run for President. They thought he might be able to lead the country the way he had run his business. He told them that he really loved what he was doing and probably would not want to be President. Then he said that if the country ever got too bad, he might think about running. He said if he did ever run for President, he would win. Most Presidents have either been in the military or in politics before becoming President. Donald Trump had never done either of those things. He was just a successful American.

Family

President Trump has been married three times. His first wife, Ivana, was a model from the country of Czechoslovakia. They had three children together; Donald Jr., Ivanka, and Eric. While they were married, he had another girlfriend who was an actress named Marla. Ivana divorced him and he married Marla. They had a daughter named Tiffany. After they divorced, he married Melania, a model from the country of Slovenia. They have one son, Barron.

Lesson 2

WORD BOX

Queens

real estate

construction

married

Word Box: Fill in the blanks using words from the Word Box.

1. Donald Trump was born in _____, a part of New York City.
2. President Trump has been _____ three times.
3. During the summers when school was out, Donald Trump helped his father at the _____ sites.
4. Donald Trump made lots of money investing in _____.

Lesson 3

Read the following text for good understanding.

As President



President Trump

President Trump won the primary election by defeating sixteen other Republicans to become the nominee. He ran against former first lady Hillary Clinton. People found out that Hillary Clinton had done some very dishonest things. Donald Trump had also done some wicked things when he was

younger, and they argued back and forth about who would be a better President.

During the campaign, Donald Trump told people about things he wanted to do to make America safer and better. He wanted to change some things that America was doing that the Bible says are wrong. Hillary said that she wanted to keep doing those things. Many Christians knew that it would be bad if Hillary became President, so even though Trump had his own problems, they voted for him. Trump ended up winning the election. The people who wanted Hillary Clinton to be the President were mad that she lost and tried to find a way to stop Trump. Some of them still do not like him.

Even in the first week he was President, Donald Trump started doing the things he promised he would do. Powerful people in the government were afraid that he was going to take their jobs away. He did not care about that. He wanted to do what was best for the country and said that the government had gotten too powerful. He wanted to get rid of bad politicians who

were wasting money. He said that the American people should have more freedom.

Religion

As a child, Donald Trump went to Sunday School and was confirmed in a Presbyterian church. He has told some Christian leaders that he has been saved and wants them to counsel him as President.

He calls his book, *The Art of the Deal*, his second favorite book of all time, after the Bible.

Notes

Donald Trump is the oldest man to become President, at age 70. Before that Ronald Reagan had been the oldest at 69 years, 11 months.

President Trump does not drink alcohol or smoke tobacco.

He usually only sleeps a few hours at night, but is still healthy and has lots of energy.

He took his oath of office with his hand on two Bibles, the one he got at his confirmation, and the one used by Abraham Lincoln (and also Barack Obama).

His Vice-President, Mike Pence, used the same Bible used by Ronald Reagan at his inauguration, turned to the same Scripture – II Chronicles 7:14.



President and Melania Trump as he takes the oath of office.

Famous Saying

In his inauguration speech, President Trump said, “We are not merely transferring power from one administration to another, or from one party to another – but we are transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, the American People.”

Quote



Matching: Match the President with the paper money which honors him.

_____ 8. Washington



_____ 9. Jefferson



_____ 10. Jackson



_____ 11. Lincoln



_____ 12. Grant



_____ 13. Cleveland



_____ 14. McKinley



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Review Fun

Matching: Match the names of the symbols with symbols surrounding presidents and the presidency.

_____ 1. the White House

_____ 2. Presidential Seal

_____ 3. Presidential Flag

_____ 4. Washington Monument

_____ 5. Jefferson Memorial

_____ 6. Lincoln Memorial

_____ 7. Air Force One

_____ 8. Mount Rushmore



Week #36 Quiz

WORD BOX

Christians
real estate

discipline
wrong

promised
billionaire

Word Box: Fill in the blanks using words from the Word Box.

1. _____ *discipline* _____ means training to obey rules.
2. Donald Trump made a lot of money in _____ *real* _____ *estate* _____.
3. He became a _____ *billionaire* _____.
4. President Trump quickly started doing the things he had _____ *promised* _____ to do.
5. President Trump did not like America doing things that the Bible says are _____ *wrong* _____.
6. Many _____ *Christians* _____ voted for Donald Trump because Hillary Clinton was so dishonest.

SCORE KEY

-1	95
-2	85
-3	75