

American Presidents

Program Name Middletown

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Technology	Study / Life skills	EL-Civics	Career Pathways	Police	Paramedic	Fire Rescue	Medical Asst.	EKG / Cardio	Phlebotomy	Practical Nursing	Healthcare	Admin	Pharmacy Tech	IMT	AMT	HVAC	Welding	Other:
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Date(s) Used				January 26, 2011														
Civics Category				III. U.S. History and Government and Citizenship Preparation														
Civics Objective				2. Government and Law Identify people and events in local, state, and/or federal history.														
Time Frame to Complete Lesson				45-60 minutes														
EFL(s)				4-5														
Standard(s)/Components of Performance				Read for Understanding														
Benchmark(s)				R.4.1 Comprehend information in common forms and simple paragraphs R.5.1 Comprehend simple graphs, charts, diagrams, and paragraphs R.4.2 Use strategies to understand text R.5.2 Use strategies to understand text R.4.3 Use strategies to monitor comprehension of simple paragraphs on familiar topics (e.g. restate, copy and rephrase text, use context)														
Materials				Computer with internet access American Presidents website: http://www.english-zone.com/reading/president.html														
Activities				<p><u>Step 1</u> Introduce topic of American presidents by asking students who the President of the United States is, when the current president was elected, who the vice-president is, and when the next presidential election will be.</p> <p><u>Step 2</u> Ask students to name several more presidents and a few facts about them. This elicits prior knowledge and provides the teacher with a clear understanding of the level of student knowledge about the topic.</p> <p><u>Step 3</u> Tell students they will practice finding information in a chart/table on a website called <i>American Presidents</i>. Explain that the website includes presidents through Jan. 20, 2009. They will look at the legend and the information in the table and type in the correct answer for</p>														

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	<p>the 20 questions. When finished, they can click the “Check Answer” button to get their score.</p> <p><u>Step 4</u> Direct students to the website to begin their work: http://www.english-zone.com/reading/president.html</p> <p><u>Step 5</u> After 40 minutes, distribute answer key (attached) to those students who need one.</p>
Assessment/ Evidence	Students will check own work and correct mistakes. Teacher and students can review information together to reinforce gained knowledge.
Reflection	<p>For more advanced students, the lesson could be expanded to a research project. Students could choose one of the presidents they are interested in and search websites for additional information on that president. Students may then share several facts from this information with the class.</p> <p>Or students can be directed to the following sites for additional fun quizzes about the presidents:</p> <p>http://www.quiz-tree.com/United-States-History_US-Presidents-in-Order_1_MC-4.html</p> <p>http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/politics/chi-president-quiz,0,3188595.triviaquiz</p> <p>http://www.biography.com/presidents/pres_quiz2_20cent.jsp</p>

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AMERICAN PRESIDENTS (THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2009)

1. Who is the President now? (just before Barak Obama)	George W. Bush
2. What number President was Abraham Lincoln?	16
3. In what year was Lincoln assassinated?	1865
4. Which political party was George Washington a member of?	None
5. Who was Ronald Reagan's Vice President?	George Bush
6. Who became President after Ronald Reagan?	George Bush
7. How many Vice Presidents later became Presidents?	14
8. Which President died of pneumonia while in office?	William Harrison
9. How many Presidents were assassinated while in office?	4
10. Which President resigned his position?	Richard M. Nixon
11. Who was the last President to belong to the Whig party?	Millard Fillmore
12. Who was the first President?	George Washington
13. Who became President after John F. Kennedy was assassinated?	Lyndon B. Johnson
14. Who became President in 1801?	Thomas Jefferson
15. Which political party was Bill Clinton a member of?	Democrat
16. How many times in history did the US have no Vice President?	8
17. Which President belonged to the Federalist party?	John Adams
18. Which President served the longest? (12 years)	Franklin D. Roosevelt
19. Which President died of a heart attack while in office?	Warren Harding
20. What year did the first President take office?	1789

ANSWER KEY <http://www.english-zone.com/reading/president.html>