

Title: American Presidents (Technology – Internet lesson plan)

Objectives Reading for specific purposes. Practice finding information about American presidents in a table on a website.														Time frame to Complete 50 minutes														
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<i>Stackable Cert. Documentation</i>	<i>Technology</i>	<i>Study / Life skills</i>	<i>EL-Civics</i>	<i>Career Pathways</i>																								
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Standard(s) Addressed in Lesson Read with understanding																												
Benchmark(s) Addressed in Lesson R.4.1 – Identify purposes for reading (for example, to generate and answer questions about a topic, to solve problems). R.4.6 – Select and use print and electronic reference materials (for example, web search) to determine and clarify word meaning. R.4.8 – Understand meaning of some specialized content vocabulary (for example, “constitution”). R.4.15 – Draw conclusion about text using knowledge of main idea(s) and supporting details, consistent with complexity of the text. R.4.16 – Construct meaning from text by evaluating relevance of prior knowledge and applying appropriate knowledge to new information read.																												
Materials Computer with Internet access.																												
Learner Prior Knowledge Basic computer skills and internet knowledge. Basic knowledge of American presidents.																												
Activities <u>Step 1</u> Introduce topic of American presidents by asking students when the current president was elected, who the vice-president is, and when the next presidential election will be. <u>Step 2</u> Ask students to name several more presidents and a few facts about them. <u>Step 3</u> Tell students they will practice finding information in a chart/table on a website called American Presidents. 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 the 20 questions. When finished, they can click the “Check Answer” button to get their score.																												

Step 4 Direct students to the website to begin their work: <http://www.english-zone.com/reading/president.html>

Step 5 After 40 minutes, distribute answer key (attached) to those students who need one.

Assessment/Evidence

Students will check own work and correct mistakes. Teacher and students can review information together to reinforce gained knowledge. Print out the table/questions/answers and put in portfolio to demonstrate mastery of benchmarks related to the Basic Skills Stackable Certificate.

Adaptations for Beginning Students

Teacher monitors and gives individual help as needed, particularly with computer skills and the reading of the legend/table. Students may work with partners if they desire.

Adaptations for Advanced Students

Students may 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.

Or students can be directed to the following sites for additional fun quizzes about the presidents:

http://www.quiz-tree.com/United-States-History_US-Presidents-in-Order_1_MC-4.html

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/politics/chi-president-quiz,0,3188595.triviaquiz>

http://www.biography.com/presidents/pres_quiz2_20cent.jsp

Teacher Reflection/Lesson Evaluation

Teacher asks a few review questions based on information in the table.

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ANSWER KEY

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

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