

President's Day Unit

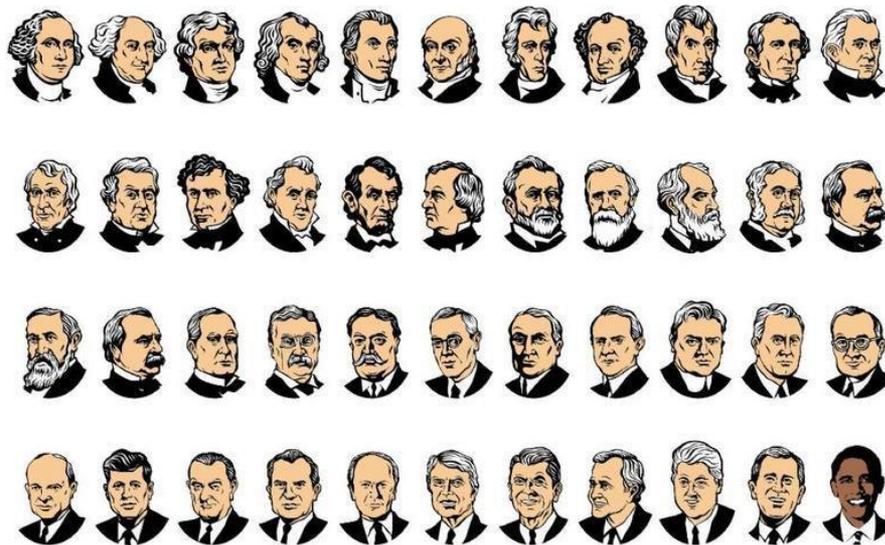
with Thinking Maps



Happy President's Day

In FEBRUARY we celebrate a holiday called President's Day. On this day we celebrate our country's presidents. There have been many presidents in the history of the United States and on this day, we celebrate them and their contributions. FEBRUARY is close to the birthdays of both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln so we celebrate this month.

The United States of America has had 45 presidents since George Washington became the first president in 1789. All of these men have worked hard for our country and our democracy.



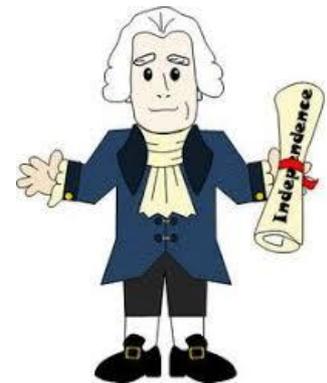
George Washington



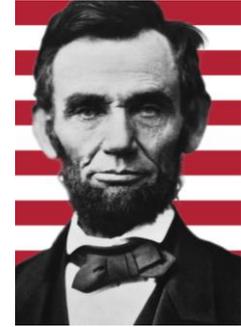
George Washington was our first president. He fought in the Revolutionary War which won America's freedom from Great Britain. He helped create the United States and the presidency.

Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson was the 3rd president of the United States of America. He was the main author of the Declaration of Independence which explained why the United States wanted to be its own country.



Abraham Lincoln



Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States. He led the country during the Civil War when our country was divided and fighting one another. Lincoln kept the country together and united as one. He signed the Emancipation Proclamation which eventually led to the end of slavery.

Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt

Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt was the 26th president of our country. He loved to be outdoors and is most remembered for protecting the land in our country and helping to create National Parks.



Franklin D. Roosevelt



Franklin D. Roosevelt was the 32nd president of the United States of America. At a time when our country was very poor and people were struggling, he helped make more jobs that helped a lot of people. He is the only president who was elected three times to office. He is also remembered for leading the country through World War II.

John F. Kennedy



Our 35th president was John F. Kennedy. He was president when Martin Luther King Jr. led the Civil Rights Movement. He felt it was very important to treat each other equally and fairly. Kennedy is also remembered for keeping the United States out of war with the Soviet Union during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Ronald Reagan



Our 40th president was Ronald Reagan who was a famous actor before he became president. He was a conservative president who was very popular. Reagan helped improve the economy and also helped tear down a giant wall in Berlin, Germany so that Germany could be a united country.

Barack Obama

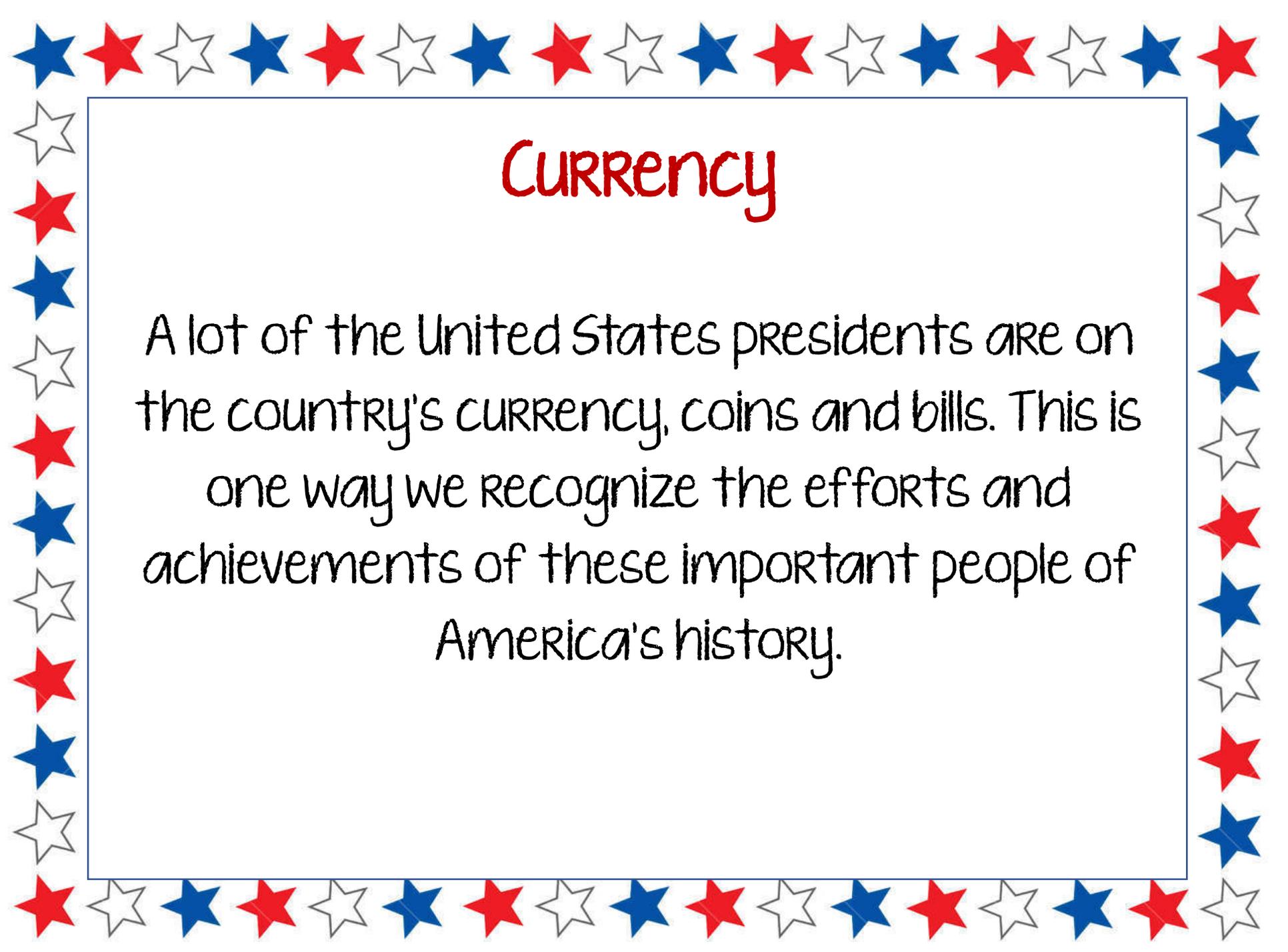


Our 44th president was Barack Obama. He was also the United States' first African-American president. Obama was a senator before he became president for eight years. He worked hard to keep our country safe and make it a great place to live.

Donald Trump

Donald Trump is the current president of the United States of America. He was a businessman before he became president in 2017. He wants to help our country by creating new jobs and bringing more business to the United States.





Currency

A lot of the United States presidents are on the country's currency, coins and bills. This is one way we recognize the efforts and achievements of these important people of America's history.

Abraham
Lincoln



Franklin D.
Roosevelt



Thomas
Jefferson





George Washington

Abraham Lincoln



Andrew Jackson

Ulysses S. Grant



Thinking Map Ideas

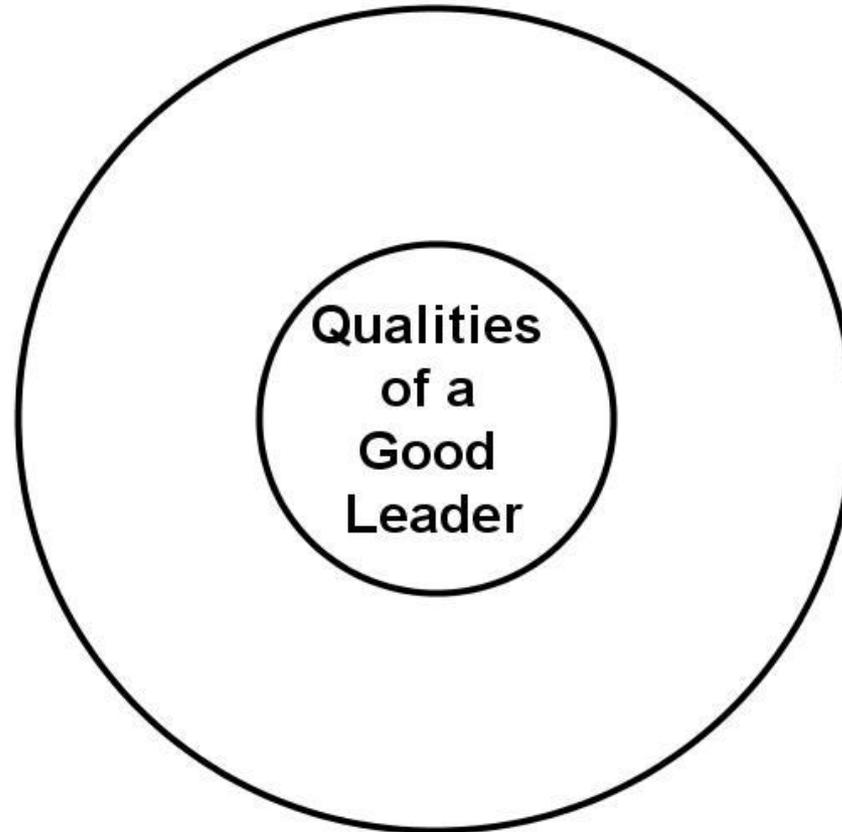


**What do we
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Abraham
Lincoln?**

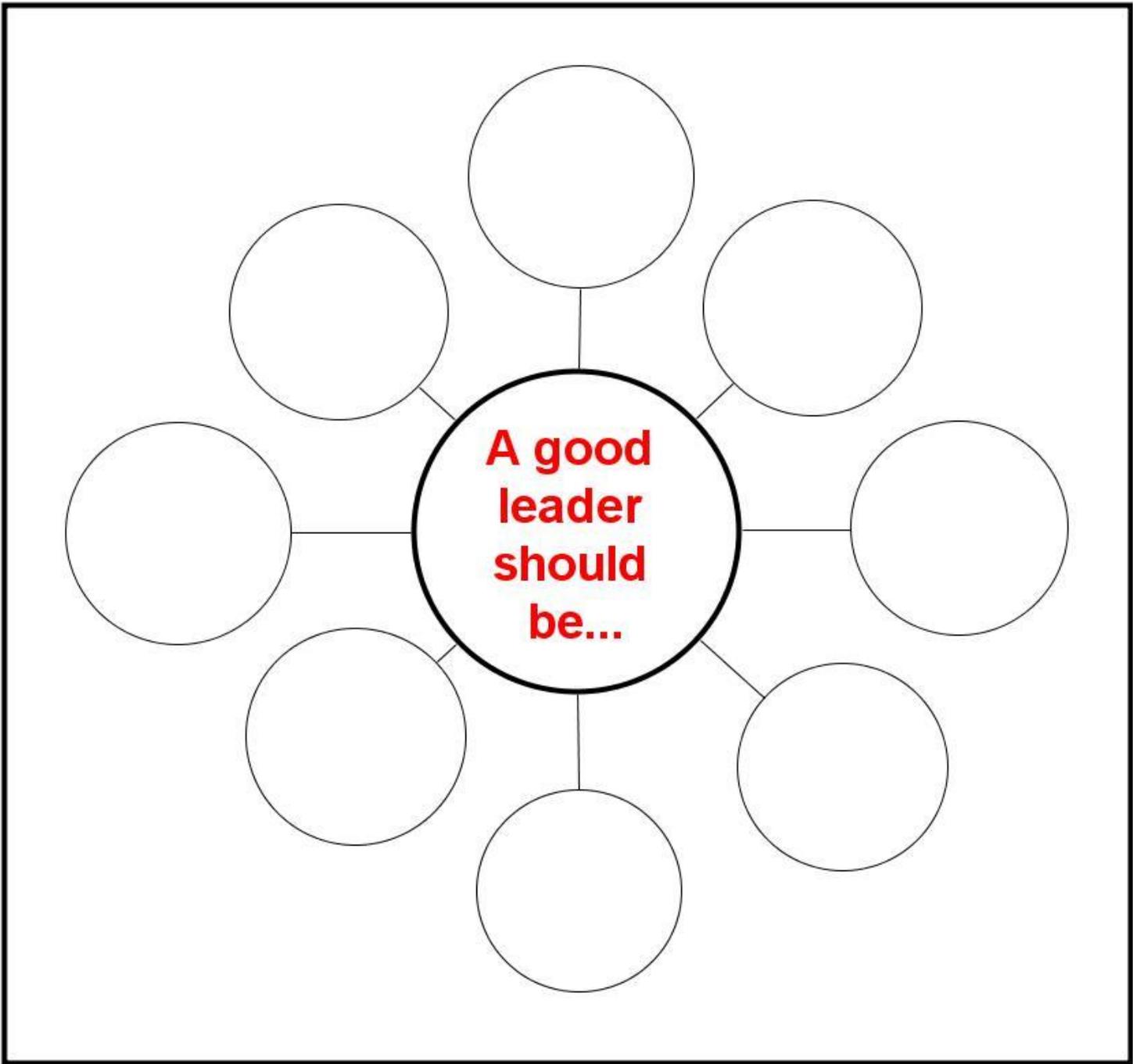


**What do we
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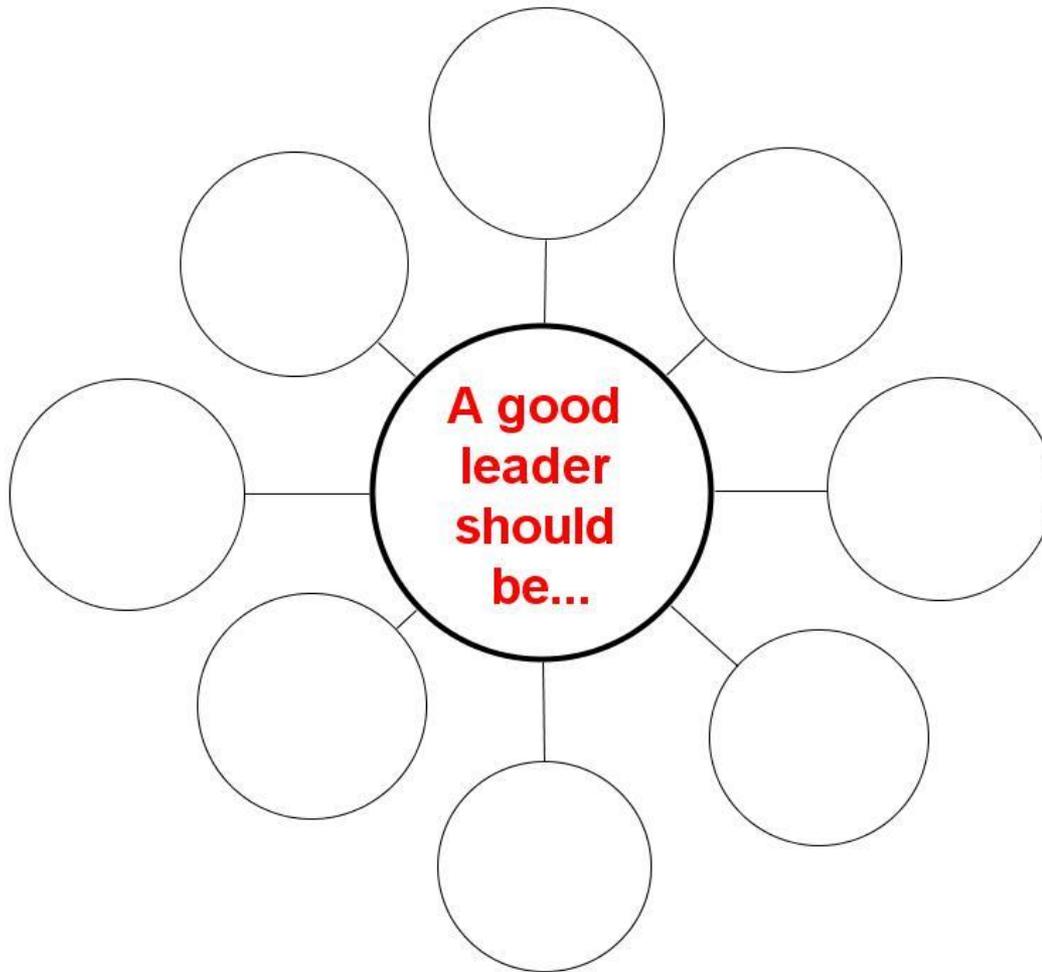
**Name some leaders
that you have heard of.**



**What might happen if a
leader is not a good person?**

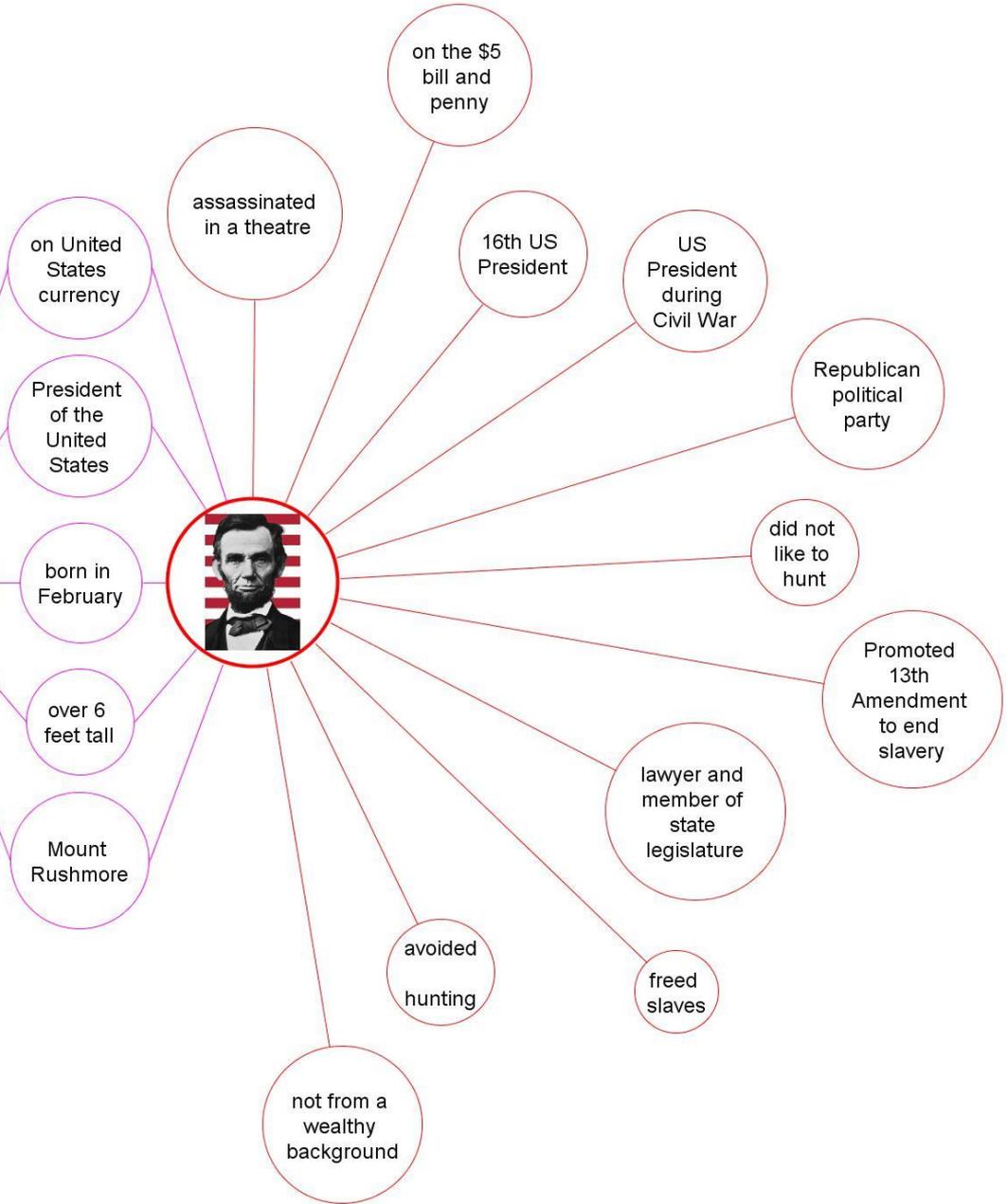
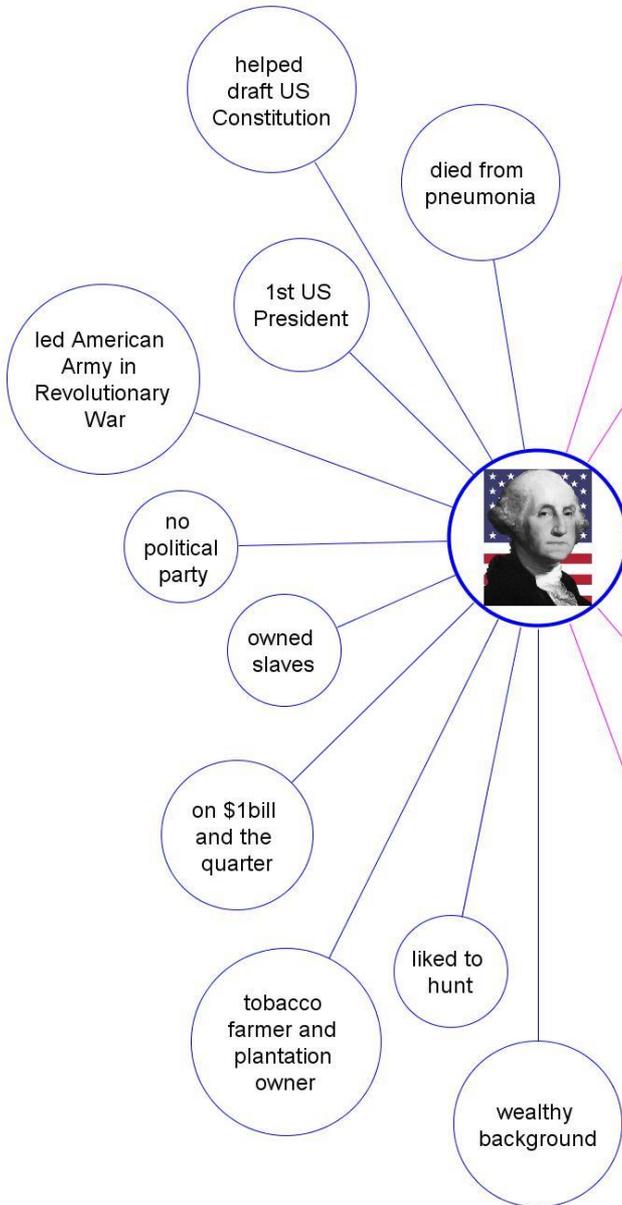


A good leader should be...



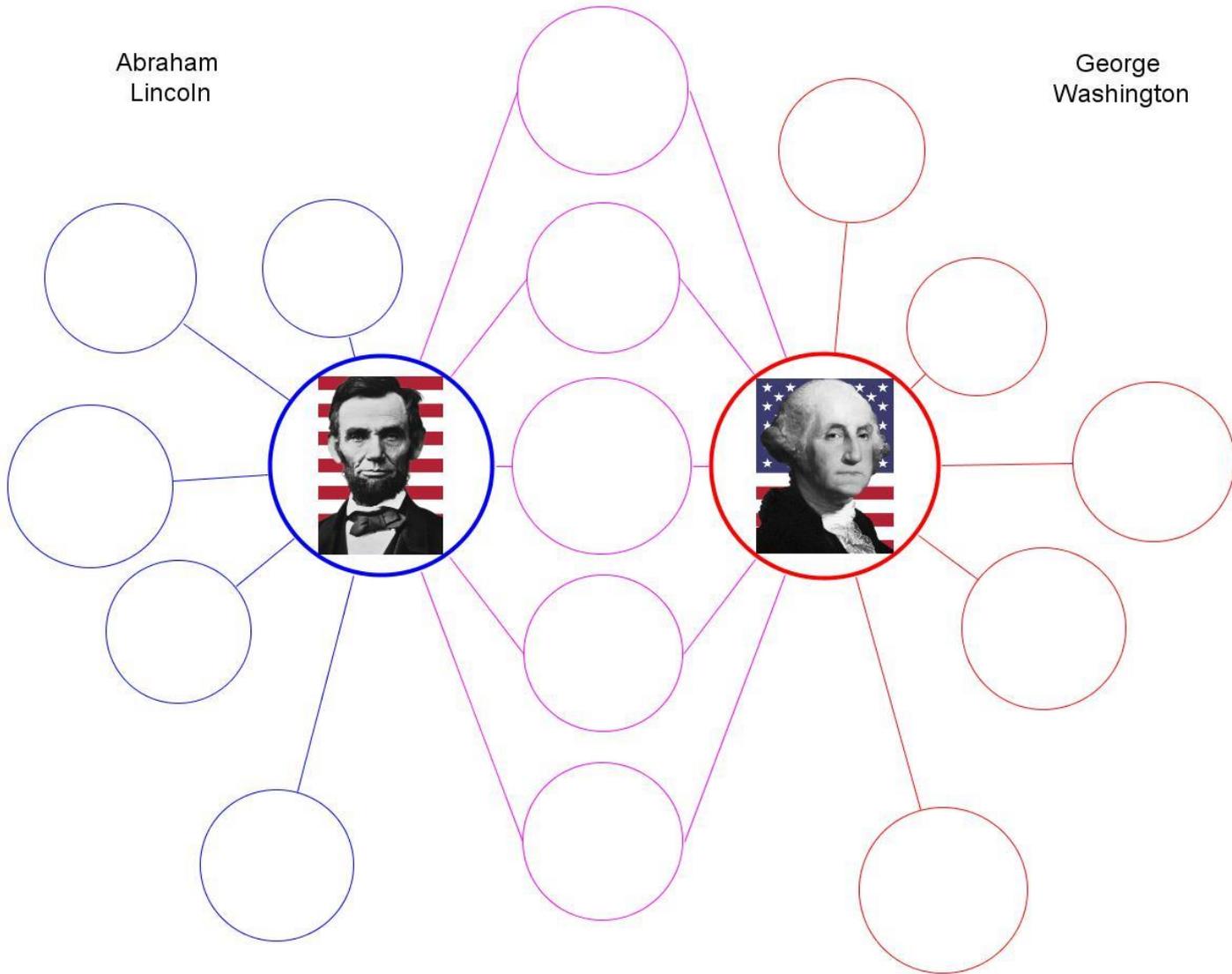
WORD BANK:

honest
dishonest
hard working
lazy
smart
focused
passionate
unskilled
scared
confident
caring
selfish
compassionate
noncaring
humble
arrogant
genuine
inconsiderate
supportive
nonsupportive
ethical
inspiring
biased
objective
dedicated
authentic
fake
knowledgeable
insensitive
controlling
collaborative



Abraham
Lincoln

George
Washington



What resources did you use to complete the Double Bubble Map?



Presidents of the United States

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Washington**

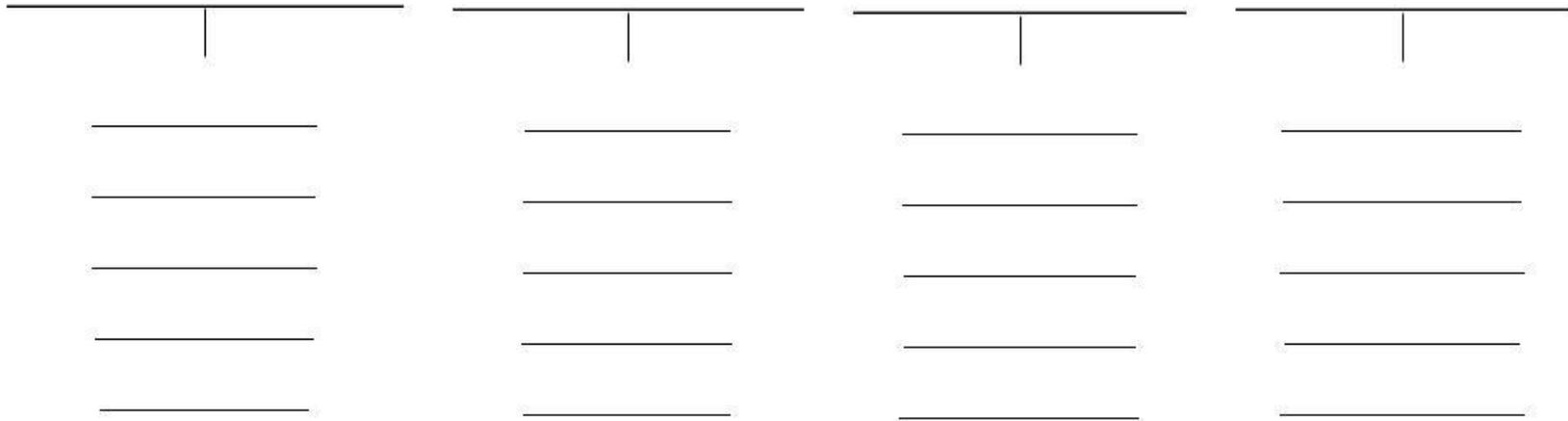
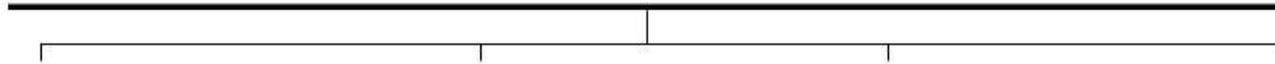
**Thomas
Jefferson**

**Abraham
Lincoln**

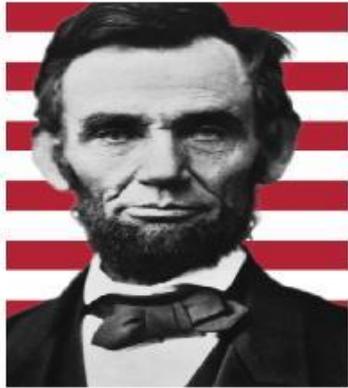
**Theodore "Teddy"
Roosevelt**

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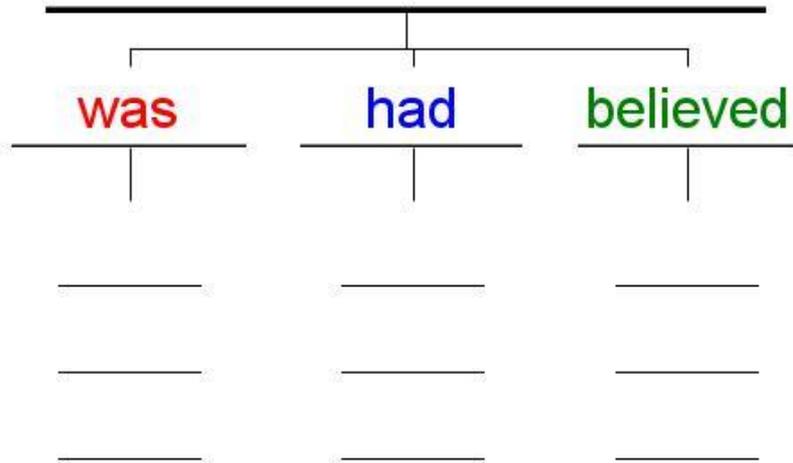
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Sources of Information:



Abraham Lincoln



Sentence Frames for Writing:

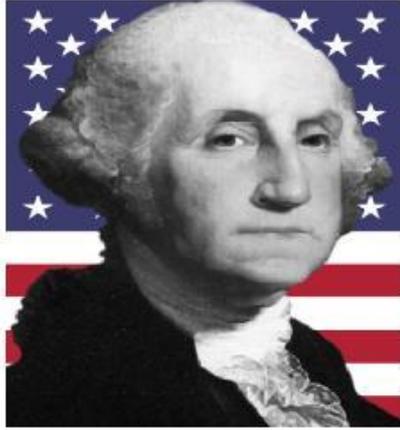
Abraham Lincoln was _____ and _____.

He had _____, _____, and _____.

Lincoln believed _____ and _____.

Other Possible Connecting Words:

- was remembered for
- liked
- was known for
- wore
- was involved with
- led by



George Washington

was

had

believed

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Key Events in Abraham Lincoln's Life

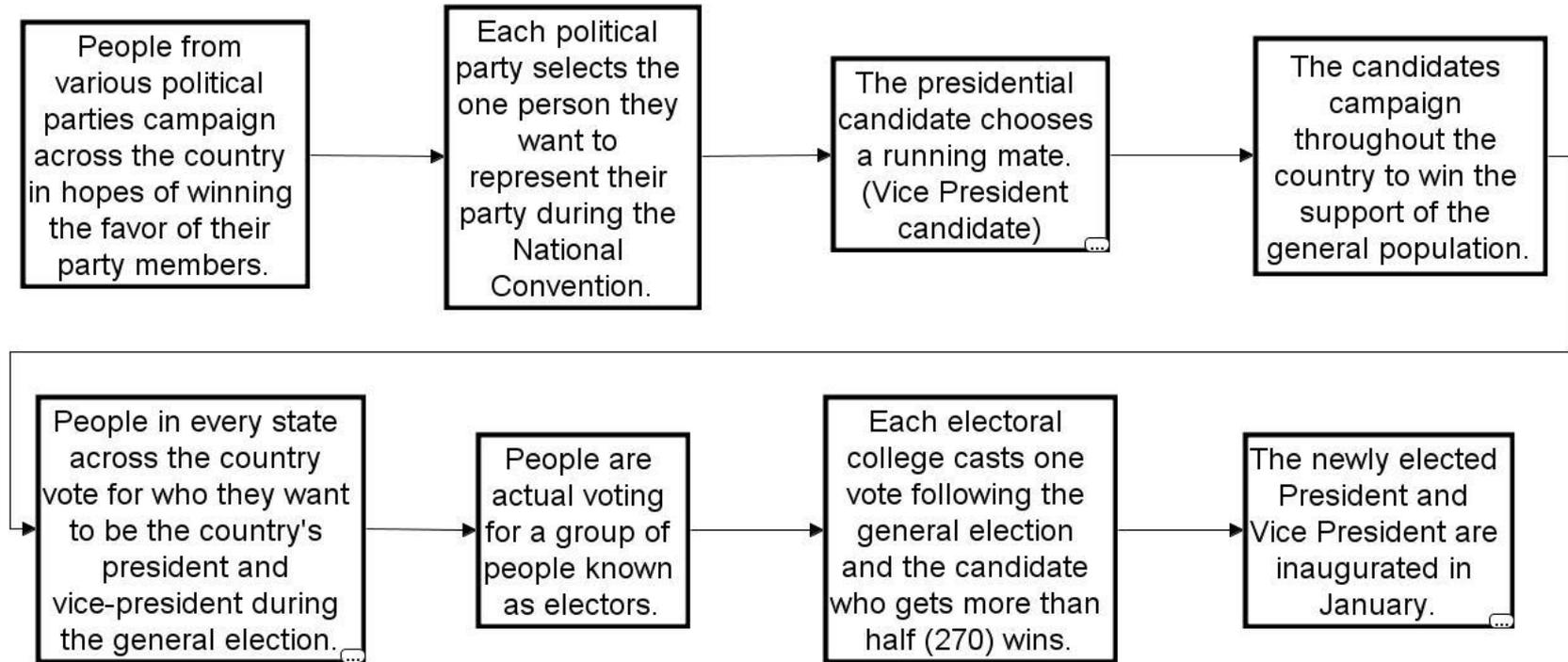




Key Events in George Washington's Life

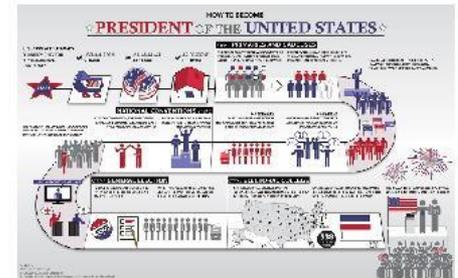


Steps to Becoming President of the United States

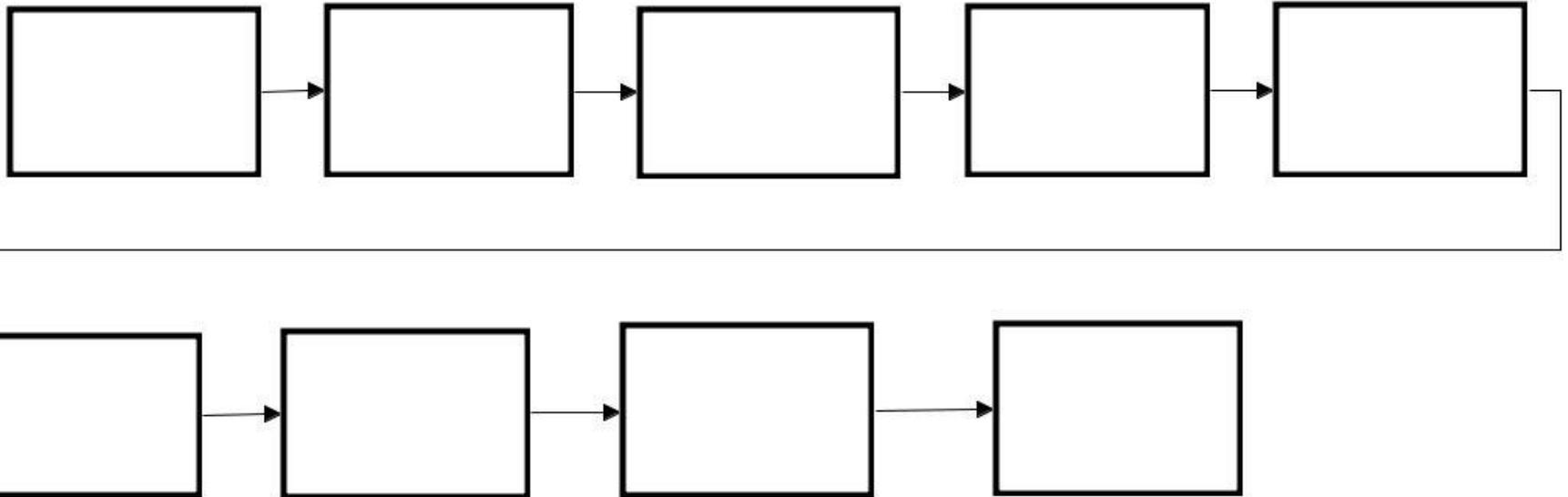


What sources did you use to complete the Flow Map?

<https://www.usa.gov/election>



Steps to Becoming President of the United States





**Abraham
Lincoln signed
Emancipation
Proclamation
in 1863**

swung foreign
popular
opinion in
favor of the
Union

made
ending
slavery an
explicit
Union goal

freed slaves
could enlist
in Union
Army

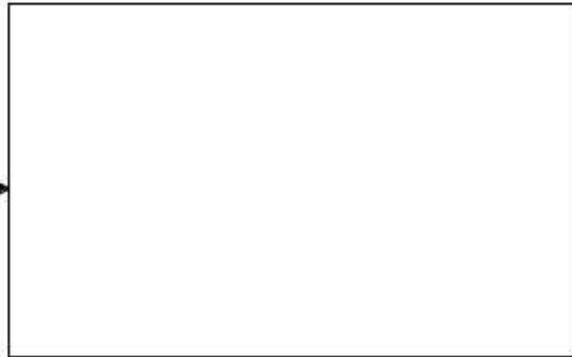
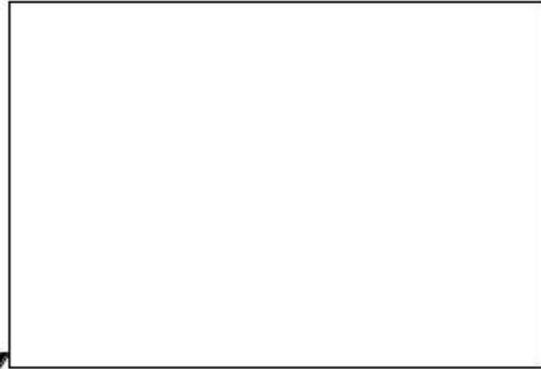
slaves
freed in 10
Confederate
states

big step
towards
abolishing
slavery

prevented
European
forces from
intervening
in the war on
behalf on the
Confederacy

Writing Prompt: What would happen if you became president of the United States?

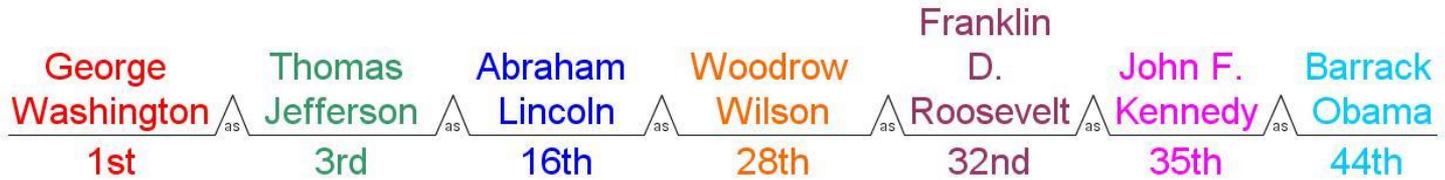
**I become
President of
the United
States of
America**



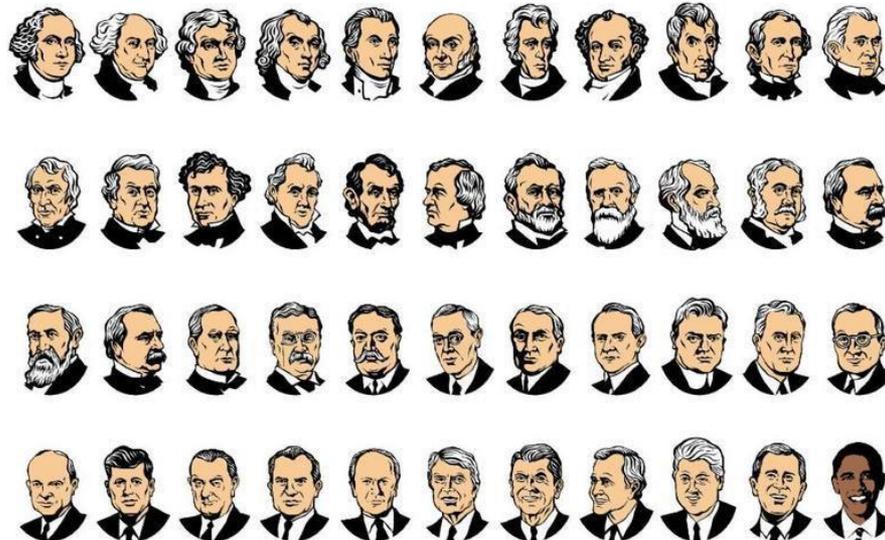
was the

**president
of the
United
States**

Relating Factor



Which president do you admire the most? Explain why.



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for**

Relating Factor

George Washington

Thomas Jefferson

Abraham Lincoln

Theodore (Teddy)
Roosevelt

laying the foundation
for the presidency

acquiring the
Louisiana Territory

the Emancipation
Proclamation

his conservation
efforts

Which president do you think made the most positive impact on our country? Explain your thinking.



**was
remembered
for**

Relating Factor



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Writing Topics for President's Day

- What are some of the qualities that make a good president?
- If I were the president, I would...
- What is the president's main job?
- _____ was the best president ever because...
- President's Day is celebrated in February in honor of both George Washington's and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays – which of these two presidents do you believe made a greater contribution to America?
- Celebrating President's Day is important because...
- Should we have a female president? Why?
- If you could ask the president to do one thing, what would it be?
- What do you think about the story of George Washington and the cherry tree?
- When America goes through a tough time, the president needs to...
- If you could hang out at the White House for one day, what would you do?
- Why do we have a president instead of a king?
- If you were the president, what issues would you focus on?
- Should any other presidents be added to Mount Rushmore? If so, who? If not, why?
- Why do we think of Abraham Lincoln as "[Honest Abe](#)"?
- A good president has to be _____, _____, and _____.

MORE WRITING TOPICS FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

- What do you like about the current president?
- Why do we have a president and a vice president?
- Why is the vice president important?
- What other presidents should be featured on coins and bills?
- What would it be like to live in the white house?
- Is the president a good role model for students?
- Why is it important to have three branches of government – the president, congress and senate, and the judges?
- Who do you think should be the next president?
- The president symbolizes...
- What do you dislike about the current president?
- What should be the minimum age for the president? (currently is 35)
- Should the president only listen to the will of the people or use his own judgment?
- The most important thing a president can do is...
- What do you think George Washington and Abraham Lincoln would think if they saw America today?
- What would be the best thing about being president?
- How does the president represent America to other countries?
- Why is Abraham Lincoln one of the most important presidents in us history?

And MORE Writing Topics for President's Day

- What are some lessons we can learn from famous presidents?
- Is it important to respect the president even if you don't agree with his or her politics?
- If you were running for president, how would you get people to vote for you?
- Students used to be required to memorize all of the presidents' names in order. Do you think this is important for people to know?
- What is the worst thing a president could do?
- Do you think the current president is doing a good job?
- If you could have dinner with any president, alive or dead, who would it be and why?
- What is the most important thing a president does?
- Would you want to be the president?
- Why is the system of voting so important to America?
- Is it important for the president to support people of all political parties?
- For a person to be qualified to be the president, they should have to...
- Imagine a day in the life of the president
- Why is George Washington one of the most important presidents in us history?
- How long should a president be able to stay in office?
- The hardest thing about being president would be...

Online Resources

Videos

Pebble Go: Abraham Lincoln

<https://www.pebblego.com/modules/3/articles/3281>

Pebble Go: George Washington

<https://www.pebblego.com/modules/3/articles/3286>

Brain POP: Abraham Lincoln

<https://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/famoushistoricalfigures/abrahamlincoln/>

Brain POP: George Washington

<https://www.brainpop.com/socialstudies/famoushistoricalfigures/georgewashington/>

President Song for Kids

<https://youtu.be/HzwAwehKP8U>

Life of George Washington

[http://sni.scholastic.com/SN1/Newsletter-](http://sni.scholastic.com/SN1/Newsletter-Links/WatchAVideo6?eml=Teachers/smd/20140211/Facebook///TeachersPage/SCM/2100/pres-grade-one/)

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President's Day Fun Facts

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_8yQ2plaAE

The President Song

<https://youtu.be/nDac5gcLpxc>

Time for Kids: President's Day

<https://youtu.be/uIFaHVez4f8>

Brain Break: Get Up It's President's Day

<https://youtu.be/w5sYTMADQqE>

Kid President Meets the President (Obama)

<https://youtu.be/TssZ9Uma1-w>

The Presidents of the United States Song

<https://youtu.be/hTiHP3WsU6I>

Online Resources

Online Articles

Scholastic News

<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=11551>

President Song for Kids

<https://youtu.be/HzwAwehKP8U>

President's Day

<http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/presidents-day>

President's Day Facts for Kids

<https://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/why-do-we-celebrate-presidents-daycool-presidents-day-facts-for-kids/>

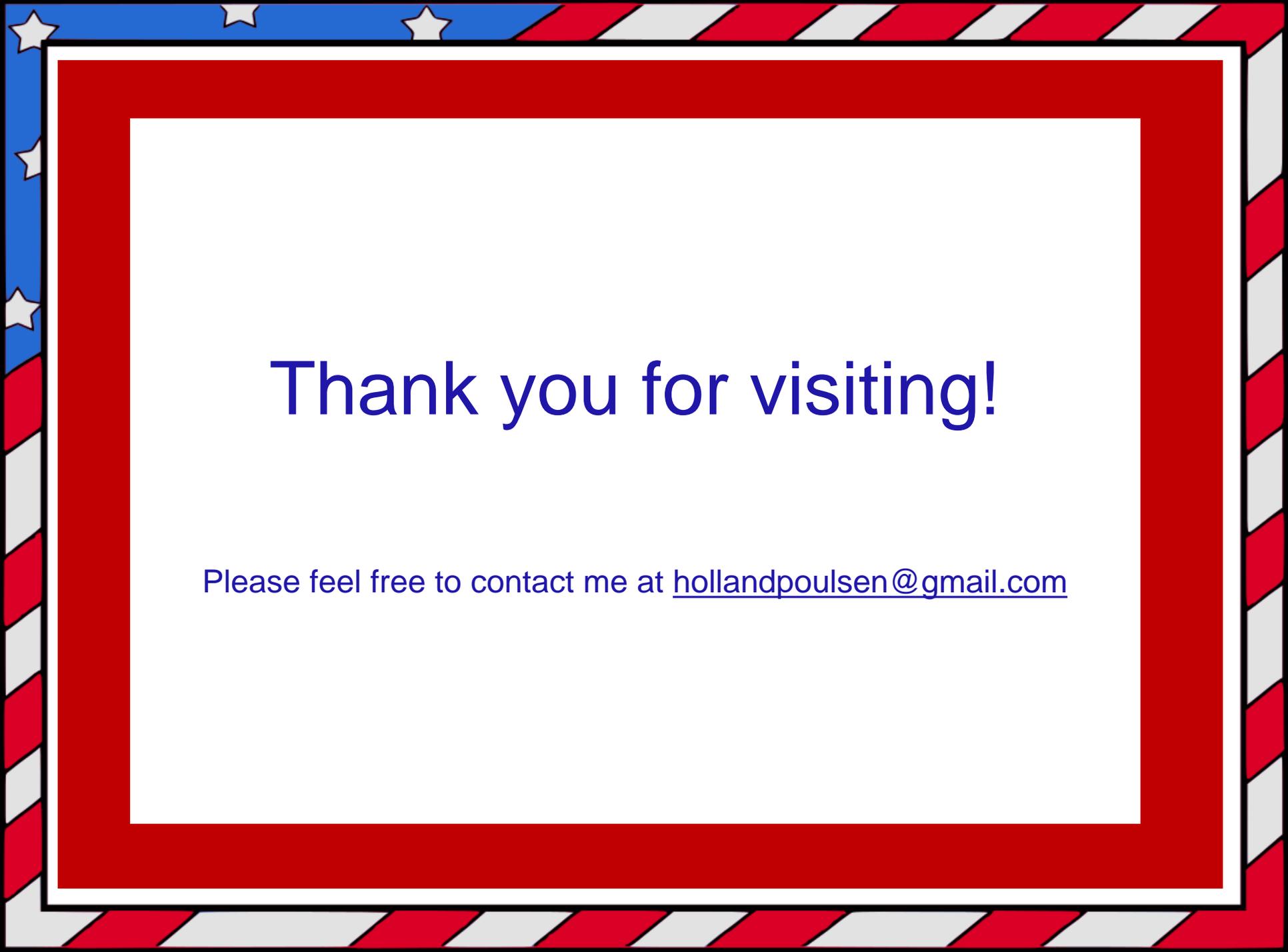
eBooks

Story Jumper: Abraham Lincoln

<https://www.storyjumper.com/book/search/q/lincoln>

Story Jumper: George Washington

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