

## Learning Web US Presidents

Lesson Plan: "Getting to Know Our United States Presidents and the Presidential Office"

Grade Level: Grades 4-5

Curriculum Design: Cooperative and Independent Learning

Search topics/Keywords: president/lives of presidents/U.S. history/U.S.government/

Outcome: Students will answer the following presidential trivia questions:

- How old must you be to be president?
- Was the oval office always oval?
- What president died in office after eating cherries and milk after a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration?
- Which president was born in the village of Braintree, a few miles from Boston?
- Which president had the nickname "Old Hickory?"
- Which president had the shortest term in office (one month)?
- What was President Coolidge's favorite pet?
- What president was a movie actor before becoming president?
- Which president had a T-ball field built on the South Lawn of the White House?
- Who was the first and only president to be married in the White House?

Content: To gather information of this topic, you may visit these websites:

[www.grolier.com/presidents](http://www.grolier.com/presidents)

Grolier Encyclopedia's presentation titled: *The American Presidency*, an exclusive history of presidents, the presidency, politics and related subjects. An encyclopedia set or a feature may be selected to explore.

[www.worldalmanacforkids.com/explore/presidents.html](http://www.worldalmanacforkids.com/explore/presidents.html)

A section of the World Almanac for Kids that discusses the presidency. The site contains "thumbnail" sketches of presidents, information about First Ladies, and presidential trivia.

[www.kidinfo.com/American\\_History/Presidents.html](http://www.kidinfo.com/American_History/Presidents.html)

Kids Info is a homework resource site for parents, teachers, and students. This link is specifically for information on presidents and the presidency. Information includes "Life Portraits," Inaugural Addresses, pictures, links to sites for specific presidents, and the history of the office.

[www.bensguide.gpo.gov](http://www.bensguide.gpo.gov)

Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids, a service of the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) provides learning tools for K-12 students, parents, and teachers. These resources will teach how our government works and ways students can fulfill their civic responsibility.

[www.AJKids.com](http://www.AJKids.com)

This kids' version of "Ask Jeeves" allows students to type in a question about the presidency and links will appear that can be immediately accessed. The answers to most questions can be found by typing "Asking Jeeves."

[www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/)

The link to the White House web page with biographies of all presidents, description and pictures and tour of the White House, information on First Ladies, and beautiful photographs.