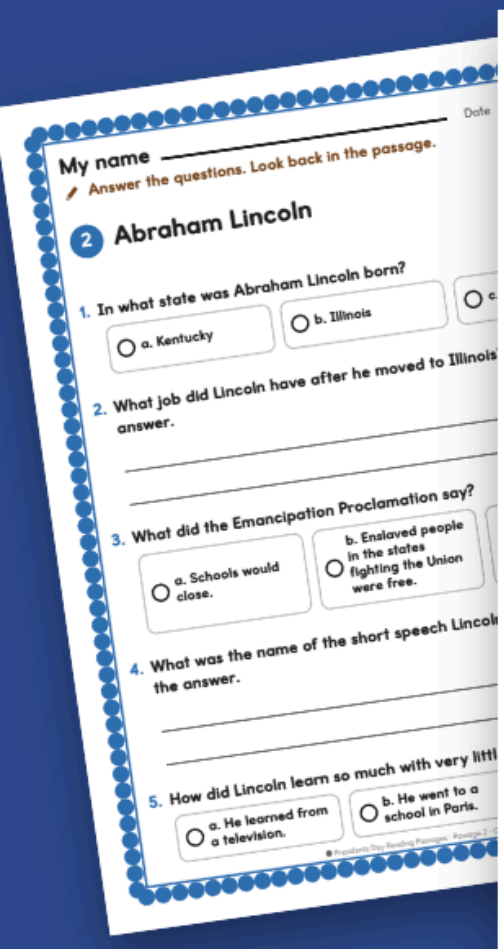
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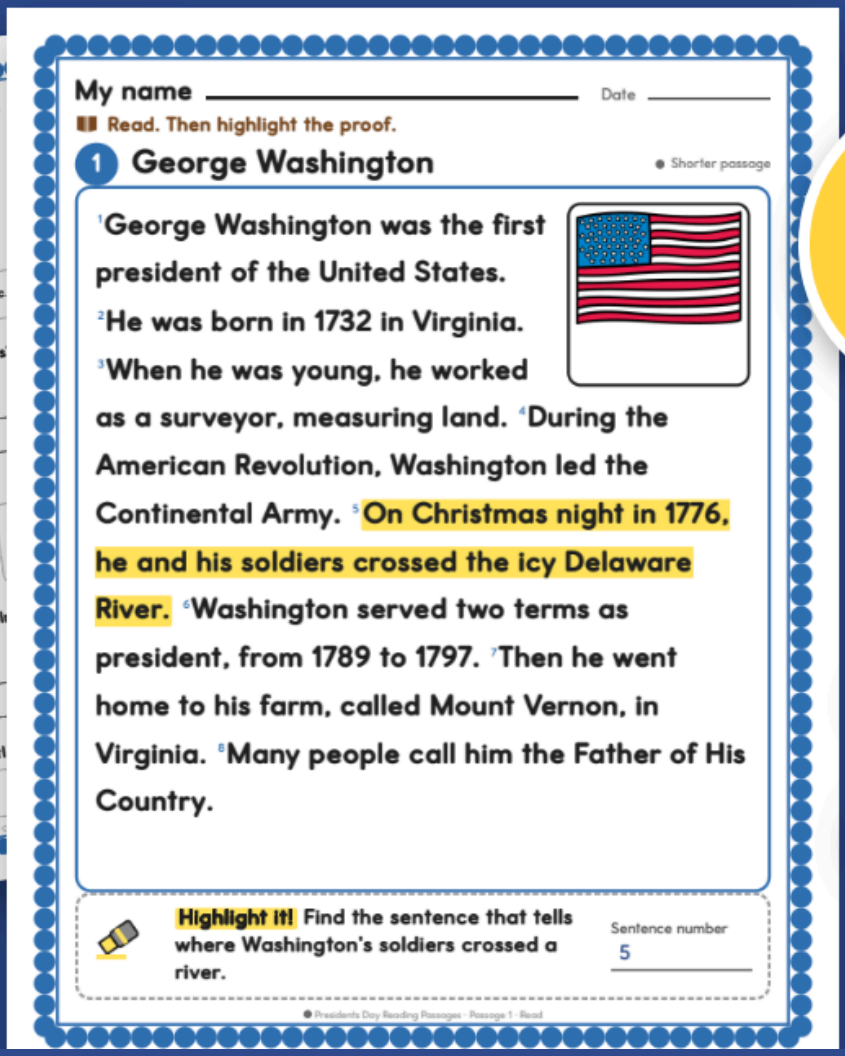
13 student sheets: 4 passages and 20 questions, with a key


My name _____ Date _____

Answer the questions. Look back in the passage.

2 Abraham Lincoln

1. In what state was Abraham Lincoln born?
   - a. Kentucky
   - b. Illinois
2. What job did Lincoln have after he moved to Illinois?
   answer.
3. What did the Emancipation Proclamation say?
   - a. Schools would close.
   - b. Enslaved people in the states fighting the Union were free.
4. What was the name of the short speech Lincoln
   the answer.
5. How did Lincoln learn so much with very litt
   - a. He learned from a television.
   - b. He went to a school in Paris.


My name _____ Date _____

Read. Then highlight the proof.

1 George Washington

● Shorter passage

[1]George Washington was the first president of the United States. [2]He was born in 1732 in Virginia. [3]When he was young, he worked as a surveyor, measuring land. [4]During the American Revolution, Washington led the Continental Army. [5]On Christmas night in 1776, he and his soldiers crossed the icy Delaware River. [6]Washington served two terms as president, from 1789 to 1797. [7]Then he went home to his farm, called Mount Vernon, in Virginia. [8]Many people call him the Father of His Country.

Highlight it! Find the sentence that tells where Washington's soldiers crossed a river.

Sentence number 5

● Presidents Day Reading Passages · Passage 1 · Read

GRADES 2-4



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Passages at a Glance

4 passages about four U.S. presidents: 2 shorter and 2 longer, each with questions that stay close to the text.

All four passages

#	Passage	Level	Lines	Words	Pages
1	George Washington	Shorter passage	8	78	6, 7
2	Abraham Lincoln	Shorter passage	8	87	8, 9
3	Theodore Roosevelt	Longer passage	11	126	10, 11
4	Dwight D. Eisenhower	Longer passage	11	115	12, 13

"Lines" is the number of numbered sentences and "Words" the number of words, for a reading-rate check if you want one.

A routine that fits twenty minutes

- Teach the six words on the Word Match page.
- Read the passage aloud together, then once alone.
- Highlight the proof sentence for the prompt on the passage page.
- Turn the page and answer the five questions. Go back to the text for any answer.
- Check with the key. Color a box on the tracker.

Say it this way

- "Put your finger on the sentence that tells you."
- "What number is that sentence? Say it, then write it."
- "Read the question again. Which choice matches the text?"

About Presidents' Day

- Presidents' Day is the third Monday in February. Its official federal name is Washington's Birthday.
- Every fact is well known and easy to check. The passages do not rate a president or take a side.

Ways to adjust a page

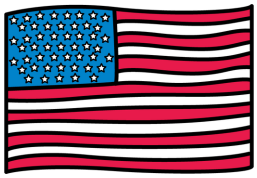
- Read the passage aloud first, then let the child read it.
- Let the child say an answer while you write it.
- For a challenge, ask for the proof sentence number on each question.

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My name _____ Date _____

Match each word to its meaning. Write the letter.



Presidents Words

1	surveyor		A animals and plants that live in nature
2	lawyer		B a person who measures land
3	proclamation		C a name that friends use instead of a real name
4	wildlife		D an attack when an army moves into a new place
5	nickname		E a person whose job is to explain and use the law for other people
6	invasion		F an official announcement made by a leader

+ Pick one word. Use it in a sentence.

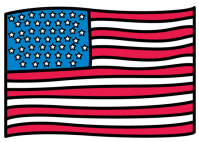
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My name _____ Date _____

Answer the questions. Look back in the passage.

1 George Washington



1. Who was the first president of the United States?

- ○ a. Abraham Lincoln
- ○ b. Thomas Jefferson
- ○ c. George Washington

2. In what year was George Washington born? Write the answer.

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3. What did Washington lead during the American Revolution?

- ○ a. a school
- ○ b. the Continental Army
- ○ c. a train company

4. Which river did Washington's soldiers cross on Christmas night in 1776? Write the answer.

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5. What is the name of Washington's home in Virginia?

- ○ a. Mount Vernon
- ○ b. Monticello
- ○ c. Ellis Island

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My name _____ Date _____

Answer the questions. Look back in the passage.

2 Abraham Lincoln



1. In what state was Abraham Lincoln born?

○ a. Kentucky	○ b. Illinois	○ c. Virginia

2. What job did Lincoln have after he moved to Illinois? Write the answer.

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3. What did the Emancipation Proclamation say?

○ a. Schools would close.	○ b. Enslaved people in the states fighting the Union were free.	○ c. Taxes would go up.

4. What was the name of the short speech Lincoln gave in 1863? Write the answer.

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5. How did Lincoln learn so much with very little school?

○ a. He learned from a television.	○ b. He went to a school in Paris.	○ c. He taught himself by reading.

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My name _____ Date _____

Answer the questions. Look back in the passage.

3 Theodore Roosevelt



1. Where was Theodore Roosevelt born?

○ a. Texas ○ b. Ohio ○ c. New York City

2. What was Roosevelt's nickname? Write the answer.

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3. What did Roosevelt create to protect nature?

○ a. new highways ○ b. national parks ○ c. large cities

4. Which group of volunteer soldiers did Roosevelt lead? Write the answer.

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5. What were named after Roosevelt?

○ a. teddy bears ○ b. trains ○ c. ships

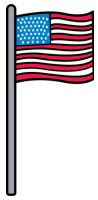
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My name _____ Date _____

Answer the questions. Look back in the passage.

4 Dwight D. Eisenhower



1. Where was Eisenhower born?

○ a. Kansas ○ b. Texas ○ c. New York

2. What did Eisenhower's friends call him? Write the answer.

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3. Which school did Eisenhower attend to become an army officer?

○ a. a cooking school ○ b. a music school ○ c. West Point

4. What was the name of the big invasion on June 6, 1944? Write the answer.

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5. What did the 1956 law start?

○ a. The Interstate Highway System ○ b. The first school in Kansas ○ c. The Olympic Games

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My name _____ Date _____

Read each fact. Write an X in the right box.

Fact Sorter

#	What it says	 Before he was president	 While he was president
1	George Washington was born in 1732 in Virginia.		
2	Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.		
3	Abraham Lincoln became a lawyer in Illinois.		
4	Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law that started the Interstate Highway System.		
5	Theodore Roosevelt was born in New York City.		
6	Theodore Roosevelt set aside millions of acres of land.		
7	George Washington led the Continental Army.		
8	George Washington served two terms as president.		

+ Pick one fact. Tell how you know.

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My name _____ Date _____

Write about it. Use one fact you read.



Pick one president. What is one thing he did?

Draw it here

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Answer Key: Passages 3-4

Accept any answer that says the same thing, spoken or written. "Proof sentence" is the number of the sentence on the passage page that holds the answer.

Passage 3: Theodore Roosevelt (pages 10-11)

Q	Kind	Answer	Proof sentence
1	Multiple choice	c. New York City	1
2	Short answer	Teddy	2
3	Multiple choice	b. national parks	8
4	Short answer	The Rough Riders	10
5	Multiple choice	a. teddy bears	9
+	Highlight	As president, he set aside millions of acres of land to protect forests, wildlife, and natural places.	7

Passage 4: Dwight D. Eisenhower (pages 12-13)

Q	Kind	Answer	Proof sentence
1	Multiple choice	b. Texas	1
2	Short answer	Ike	3
3	Multiple choice	c. West Point	4
4	Short answer	D-Day	6
5	Multiple choice	a. The Interstate Highway System	10
+	Highlight	On June 6, 1944, Allied forces began the D-Day invasion of Europe.	6

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Reading Tracker

Write the date, then 1 for each question answered right (0 if not yet), then the total of 5. Write 1 under "Proof found" if the child highlighted the right sentence. A blank row means not tried yet, never wrong. The empty rows are for reading a passage again.

Student _____ Teacher _____ School year _____

Passage	Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Of 5	Proof found	Notes
1 George Washington									
2 Abraham Lincoln									
3 Theodore Roosevelt									
4 Dwight D. Eisenhower									

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What I notice

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Next step

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Owen's Tracker (Invented Student)

Owen R. is an invented student; nothing on this page describes a real child. The blank tracker is on page 21.

Passage	Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Of 5	Proof found	Notes
1 George Washington	2/9	1	1	1	0	1	4	1	–
2 Abraham Lincoln	2/10	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	Read it aloud first
3 Theodore Roosevelt	2/11	1	1	1	0	1	4	0	–
4 Dwight D. Eisenhower	2/12	0	1	1	1	0	3	1	–
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PREVIEW

How to read it

Owen R. has done **4 of 4** passages. Points are the 1s in a row: **14 of 20** possible, or **70.0 percent**. Owen found the proof sentence on **3 of 4** passages. Every number is a sum of the table.

The family note this tracker would produce

"This week Owen read 4 presidents' passages and answered 14 of 20 questions right. At home, please read the family page together and ask where in the text the answer is."

Reading at Home

Send this page home with a child, or hand it to a family at a conference.

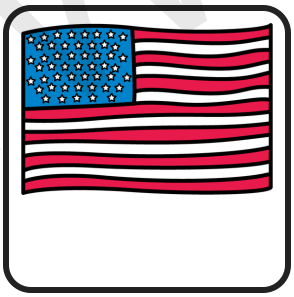
Student _____ Week of _____

How to help at home, in three steps

- Read the text below together, pointing to each word.
- Let your child read it again alone. Help with a word by saying the sounds slowly, then the word.
- Ask the questions out loud. If the answer is not clear, find the sentence together. Stop while it is still going well.

A text to practice: the first six sentences of George Washington

George Washington was the first president of the United States. He was born in 1732 in Virginia. When he was young, he worked as a surveyor, measuring land. During the American Revolution, Washington led the Continental Army. On Christmas night in 1776, he and his soldiers crossed the icy Delaware River. Washington served two terms as president, from 1789 to 1797.



Try saying

- "Who was the first president? Put your finger on the sentence that tells you."
- "Where was George Washington born? Where does it say that?"
- "Which president do you think did the most interesting thing? Find the sentence that tells what he did."

Note from the teacher

Note from home

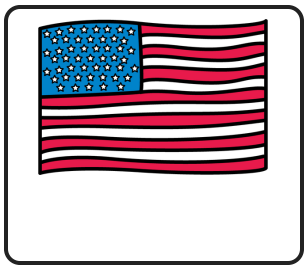
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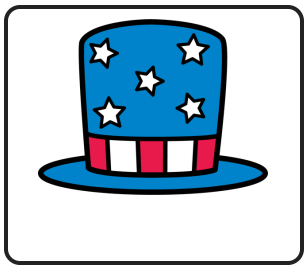
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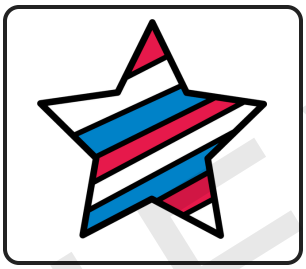
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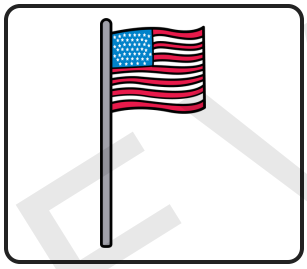
PRESIDENTS DAY READING PASSAGES

4 passages and questions









Student name

Teacher

School year

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Print the cover on card stock or paper and slide it into the binder front; fold the spine label around the edge.