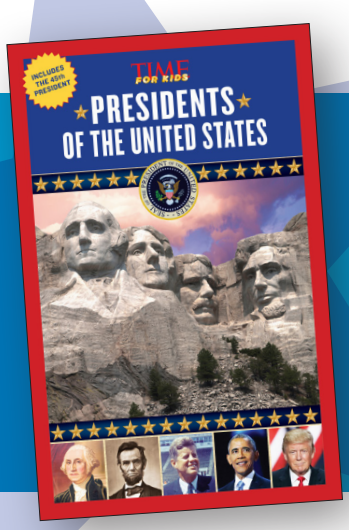

TIME FOR KIDS

Event Kit

Whether you're celebrating Inauguration Day, Presidents Day, the Fourth of July, or a classroom unit on U.S. presidents, use the fun activities in this kit in your bookstore, library, classroom, or right at home!

DID YOU KNOW that James Monroe was the first president to appear with a wig in public? Or that George W. Bush appointed the first African-American secretary of state? ***TIME for Kids Presidents of the United States*** invites readers inside the White House to discover fascinating facts about the U.S. commanders-in-chief—their origins, accomplishments, and place in history—as told through famous quotes, important historical dates, and a comprehensive timeline.

Event Set-Up

- Fill your event space with plenty of red, white, and blue streamers, flags, balloons, and decorations.
- Encourage staff and kids to wear red, white, and blue on your event day.
- Make a simple ballot box. See the Vote for Your Favorite President materials in this kit.
- Have a playlist of patriotic tunes playing in the background as kids arrive.

Event Activities

- Begin your event by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance as a group.
- Discuss the Presidential Oath of Office: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."
- Invite the kids to name as many presidents as they can and make a list of the names on a wall chart or white board. As a group, brainstorm what's known about each president named. Supplement your list by adding facts and details found in the book for each president.
- Take the Presidential Trivia Quiz aloud as a group, or pass out individual copies to the kids to take on their own or with 2–3 friends.
- Invite kids to use the book alone or in groups to fill in the Famous Presidential Quotes and Fun Facts worksheet.
- Invite the kids to vote for their favorite president of all time. Use the ballot and "I Voted" sticker templates in this kit to hold your mock election. At the end of the event, tally the votes to discover who is elected as your group's all-time favorite president!

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NAME: _____

PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA QUIZ ★ ★ ★

1. Which president had the nickname "Ike?" His campaign slogan was "I like Ike."

A. John F. Kennedy
B. Dwight D. Eisenhower
C. Millard Fillmore

2. Who was president during the Civil War and gave the famous Gettysburg Address?

A. Abraham Lincoln
B. Thomas Jefferson
C. Ulysses S. Grant

3. Which president was assassinated by a gunman in Dallas, Texas, in 1963?

A. Lyndon B. Johnson
B. Richard M. Nixon
C. John F. Kennedy

4. Who was our nation's third president, from 1801–1809? Earlier, he helped draft the Declaration of Independence.

A. John Adams
B. Thomas Jefferson
C. James Madison

5. Which president ordered the use of the atomic bomb against Japan during World War II?

A. Harry S. Truman
B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
C. Herbert Hoover

6. Who was president when the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, DC were attacked on September 11, 2001?

A. Bill Clinton
B. Jimmy Carter
C. George W. Bush

7. Which president was the first and only to resign as commander-in-chief after a scandal known as Watergate?

A. Lyndon B. Johnson
B. Gerald Ford
C. Richard M. Nixon

8. Who was our country's first African American president?

A. Jimmy Carter
B. Barack Obama
C. George H. W. Bush

9. Which president first served as vice president to George Washington?

A. James Madison
B. John Adams
C. Thomas Jefferson

10. Who is the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms? Benjamin Harrison served as president between this president's two terms in office.

A. Grover Cleveland
B. Barack Obama
C. George W. Bush

TALLY YOUR SCORE!

7–10 correct
Fantastic! You are a presidential historian!

4–6 correct
Good job! You know a lot about our nation's commanders-in-chief!

0–3 correct
Time to read *Presidents of the United States*!

ANSWER KEY: 1. B, 2. A, 3. C, 4. B, 5. A, 6. C, 7. C, 8. B, 9. B, 10. A

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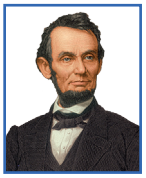
FAMOUS PRESIDENTIAL QUOTES AND FUN FACTS

Use the Table of Contents or Index to locate the pages in *TIME for Kids Presidents of the United States* about each president listed below. Fill in the worksheet with the requested information.

Abraham Lincoln

Our nation's _____th president



FAMOUS QUOTE: **"Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm."**

What do you think this quote means? _____

What did Lincoln teach himself to do as a child? _____

In what year did Lincoln issue the Emancipation Proclamation? _____

Five days after the Civil War ended, what happened to Lincoln? _____

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Our nation's _____nd president

FAMOUS QUOTE: **"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."**

What do you think this quote means? _____

What happened in 1941 when Roosevelt was president? _____

How many terms did Roosevelt serve as president? _____

Roosevelt contracted polio at age 38. How did it affect him physically? _____

Ronald W. Reagan

Our nation's _____th president

FAMOUS QUOTE: **"America is too great for small dreams."**

What do you think this quote means? _____

Where was Reagan born? _____

Before going into politics, what did Reagan do for a living? _____

Reagan survived something that no other president has. What was it? _____

Barack Obama

Our nation's _____th president

FAMOUS QUOTE: **"We are and always will be a nation of immigrants. We were strangers once, too."**

What do you think this quote means? _____

Where was Obama born? _____

What prize was Obama awarded in 2009? _____

Under Obama, the U.S. reestablished full diplomatic relations with what country in 2015? _____

John F. Kennedy

Our nation's _____th president

FAMOUS QUOTE: **"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."**

What do you think this quote means? _____

Who was Kennedy's opponent in the 1960 presidential election? _____

What program did Kennedy create to aid people abroad? _____

Why didn't Kennedy serve a full term as president? _____

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VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PRESIDENT

Ballot

Who is your group's favorite president of all time? Hold an election and find out! If you're working in a classroom setting, you can make this an elaborate event by having students campaign for favorite candidates leading up to your election. If your celebration is a one day event, such as in a bookstore or library, simply allow kids to vote for their favorite president after you've done the Presidential Trivia Quiz and talked about several of our nation's leaders. Photocopy the ballots below to create enough for your group to use.

VOTE for Your Favorite President!

Who is your favorite president of all time?

You can pick *any* former or current U.S. president—living or deceased.

★ ★ ★ I proudly ★ ★ ★
cast my vote for:

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VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PRESIDENT

Ballot Box

Cover a shoe box or other small box with red, white, and/or blue construction paper. Create a slit in the top of the box so a ballot may be inserted. Use the signage below to decorate your box and voting area.

BALLOT BOX

BALLOT BOX

VOTE HERE!

VOTE for Your Favorite President!

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VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PRESIDENT

"I Voted" Stickers

Print this page on sticker paper compatible with Avery 5160 30-up labels, or on plain paper and cut out each sticker and attach double-sided tape to the back side.

I VOTED FOR My Favorite President!	I VOTED FOR My Favorite President!	I VOTED FOR My Favorite President!
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