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Preface

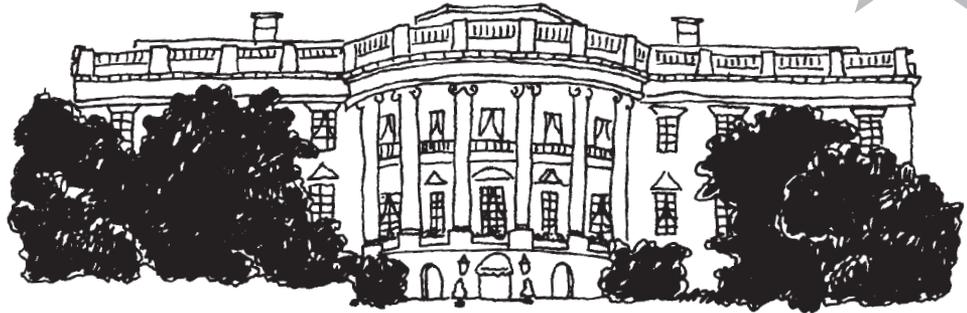
The President of the United States is the most powerful person in the country and one of the most powerful in the world. Students need information about the men who have filled this position in order to understand the overwhelming responsibilities and problems, both at home and abroad, that have faced presidents through the years.

Each president arrived at this office from a different background and with a different personality and beliefs. Some rose from extreme poverty, others came from great wealth, but each had a burning desire to make a difference in this world and to help the United States he loved and served.

The games in these pages cover each president's life from birth through retirement or death. Several presidents are still living.

Fairly short and simplified biographies of each man are available in libraries. Reading a biography to students can enhance their interest, inspire goals, and add to information found in textbooks.

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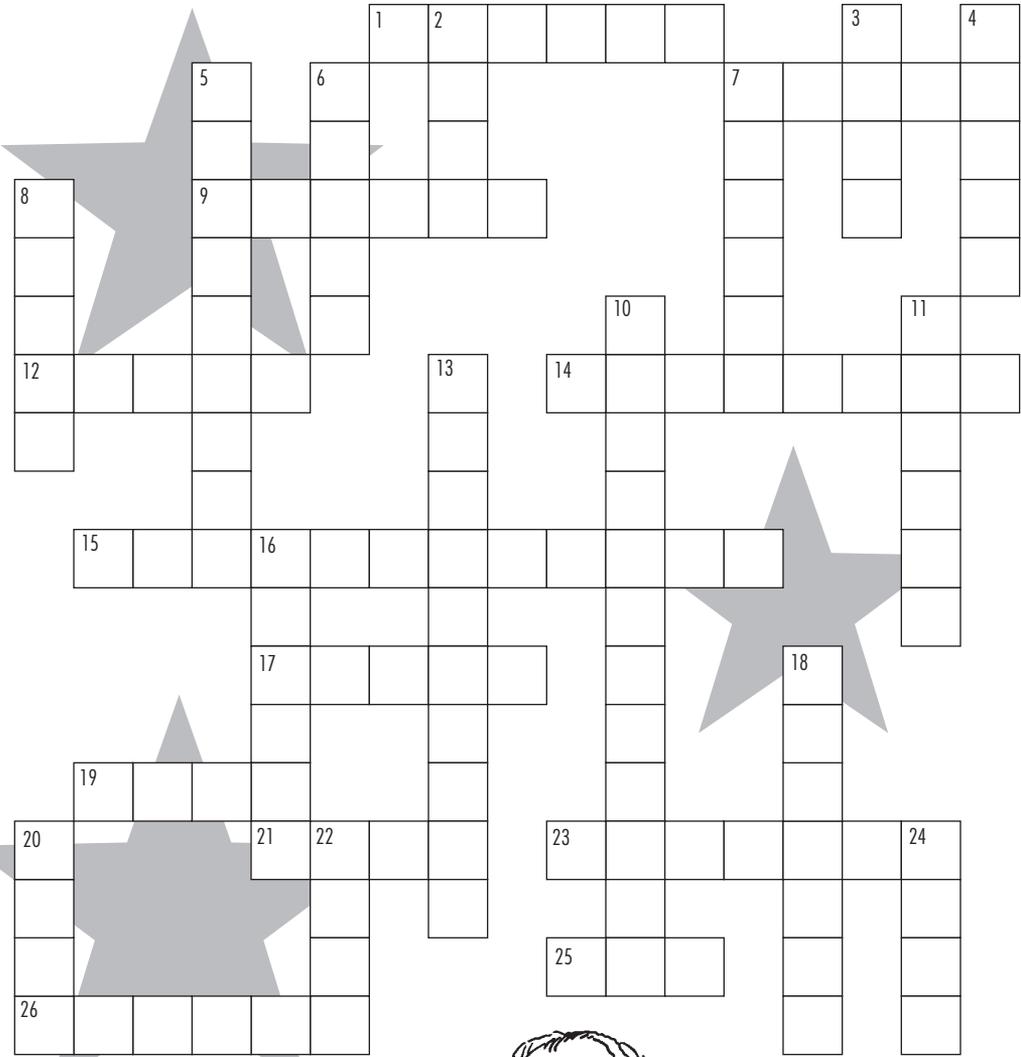
JAMES MADISON

1809-1817

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Madison's parents had _____ children.
7. As a child, he played with _____ children at the plantation. (bondage)
9. James was called the "_____ of the Constitution."
12. James wrote a plan for a strong central gov't: Congress makes laws; president leads; Supreme _____ interprets laws.
14. Birth state: _____
15. The plans he wrote for a strong gov't were called the _____.
17. Montpelier Plantation had 4,000 _____.
19. Madison and Jefferson wanted to be _____ from England.
21. James and his father had the _____ name.
23. Dolley's parents: plain people called _____
25. At _____ 11, James went away to school.
26. In 1794, he married _____ Payne Todd, a widow.



DOWN

2. At 43, unmarried James Madison wanted a _____.
3. As the oldest son, James inherited his father's home and _____.
4. Mother's name: _____
5. Madison: a friend of Thomas _____
6. He was taught by a private _____.
7. Madison stated: When central government is weak and states are too _____, the country fails.
8. He always dressed in _____ clothes. (color)
10. 1775: Elected to represent his county at Virginia's capital, _____.
11. People of the states wanted a Bill of _____ added to the Constitution.
13. Name of father's plantation: _____
16. James suggested this title for the country's leader: "The President of the United _____."
18. After the Revolutionary War, Dolley's father gave his slaves their _____. (liberty)
20. Seven of James's siblings _____.
22. Madison persuaded Congress to make a law to feed Washington's starving _____.
24. As a child, he was not strong and was often _____.



JAMES A. GARFIELD

1881

WORD SEARCHING

DIRECTIONS

In the grid, find these words about James Garfield (the words that are not in parentheses). They can go up, down, across, at an angle, forward, or backward.



R	A	E	G	L	D	H	B	M	A	J	O	R
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D	N	W	L	B	S	A	D	C	V	L	Z	Y
E	G	S	R	F	E	Y	P	H	K	A	O	M
I	J	A	Y	I	W	B	L	E	D	C	L	U
D	V	C	V	E	F	N	W	U	S	K	T	S

- (his father) **died** (before James was 2)
- (1861: Col. Garfield and troops drove Confederate forces from) **Kentucky**
- (1862: elected to) **Congress** (while still in the army)
- (promoted to Brig.) **General**
- (1863: for bravery, was promoted to) **Major** (General)
- (1863: his) **horse** (was shot from under him in battle)
- (1863: son, Harry, was) **born**
- (1863: at the Capitol, James was an) **excellent** (speaker)
- (1865: Civil War) **ended**
- (most) **slaves** (couldn't read or write)
- (James wanted) **black** (people to have citizenship)
- (1868:) **Ulysses** (Grant was president)
- (1869: James bought a) **house** (in Washington)
- (Garfield was elected to Congress) **eight** (times)
- (1869: railroad finished from east to) **west**
- (James, in charge of gov't) **money** (knew where it went)
- (James was a very) **respected** (man)
- (1874: the Garfields had) **five** (living children)





William H. Taft



1909-1913

SUPPLY THE VOWEL

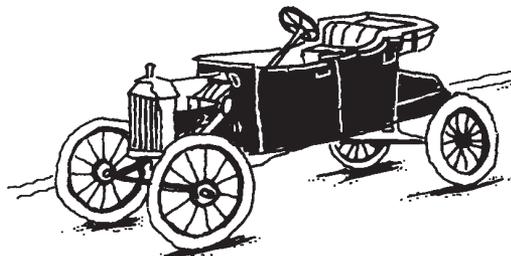
DIRECTIONS

In the grid, look for the following words (the words that are not in parentheses). The words can go up, down, across, at angles, backward, or forward. Parts of words may overlap. Supply the correct vowel—a e i o u—for the center of each word group.

- (Dr.) **Gorgas** (said mosquitoes cause yellow fever)
- (had concern for) **child** (labor)
- (birth state) **Ohio**
- (Taft solved problems within) **Cuba**
- (on certain products, he wanted) **free** (trade with Canada)
- (1906: Cuban) **rebels** (didn't want the United States there)
- (Taft made business leaders) **angry**
- (he made some) **wise** (choices for gov't)
- (had some problems being a) **leader**
- (fearful of rebels, the Cuban pres. wanted the United States to) **rule**
- (1909: Nellie had a) **stroke**
- (Taft was always) **fair** (in legal decisions)
- (was very) **honest**
- (had problems making) **decisions**
- (Taft got) **benefits** (for workers)
- (promoted safety for) **mine** (workers)
- (Taft didn't want to) **run** (for pres.)
- (laws passed for railroad workers') **safety**
- (was temporary) **governor** (of Cuba)
- (1909: was) **inaugurated** (U.S. president)

G	B	H	C	I	E	N	F	O	Q	K	L	J
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W	Y	W	L	N	R	O	N	R	E	V	○	G
E	H	G	D	A	E	C	I	F	B	N	R	T
S	K	M	J	R	P	S	U	O	E	W	T	N
D	L	A	C	E	Y	Z	L	S	T	D	S	V
B	I	E	H	D	J	T	T	G	E	E	R	L
D	O	P	B	A	E	N	D	U	F	T	C	K
R	B	E	N	○	F	I	T	S	M	A	S	B
Y	G	V	R	L	R	T	I	Y	O	R	H	N
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W	V	G	B	M	G	E	S	F	C	G	L	J
F	C	E	N	F	F	W	T	Y	R	○	N	I
G	O	R	G	○	S	R	B	N	R	A	B	E
K	V	U	S	I	C	M	J	H	W	N	O	A
T	L	D	D	R	S	I	A	U	F	I	P	G

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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER



1953-1961

SCRAMBLED WORDS

DIRECTIONS

Unscramble the words, and write the answers on the lines provided. (Use scrap paper to work out your answers.)

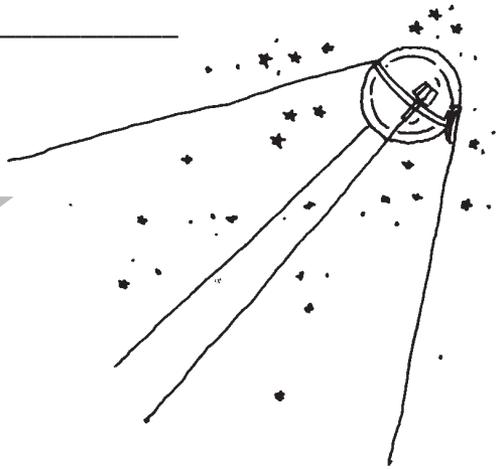
- 1952: Ike was elected EDNRTESPI, and ONNXI, vice-pres. _____
- 1952: Russian EEDLRA Joseph Stalin, died. _____
- 1954: HCLOSSO in the United States were integrated. _____
- 1955: Ike had a TEHAR attack. _____
- 1955: Martin Luther NIKG marched for LVICI rights. _____
- 1957: Russia sent a satellite called KPSUINT into space. _____
- A nuclear RMSBUIAEN, *Seawolf*, was completed. _____
- 1961: Ike and Mamie retired to their MAFR in Gettysburg, PA. _____
- 1969: Ike EDID. _____
- He was buried in ENBEALI, KS. _____

NUMBER CODE

DIRECTIONS

Look at the numbers under each line. Find the matching numbers in the code box, and write the letters on the corresponding answer lines.

- As a boy, Ike was called $\frac{4}{4} \frac{23}{23} \frac{9}{9} \frac{7}{7} \frac{8}{8} \frac{20}{20} \frac{4}{4} \frac{1}{1} \frac{22}{22} \frac{9}{9} \frac{4}{4}$.
- His brothers were named $\frac{1}{1} \frac{18}{18} \frac{20}{20} \frac{8}{8} \frac{21}{21} \frac{18}{18}$, $\frac{5}{5} \frac{4}{4} \frac{7}{7} \frac{1}{1} \frac{18}{18}$, $\frac{18}{18} \frac{15}{15} \frac{25}{25}$,
 $\frac{5}{5} \frac{1}{1} \frac{18}{18} \frac{12}{12}$, and $\frac{13}{13} \frac{9}{9} \frac{12}{12} \frac{20}{20} \frac{15}{15} \frac{14}{14}$.
- In school, classmates called him $\frac{12}{12} \frac{9}{9} \frac{20}{20} \frac{20}{20} \frac{12}{12} \frac{5}{5} \frac{9}{9} \frac{11}{11} \frac{5}{5}$. His older brother Edgar
 was called $\frac{2}{2} \frac{9}{9} \frac{7}{7} \frac{9}{9} \frac{11}{11} \frac{5}{5}$.
- Ike's first son, $\frac{4}{4} \frac{15}{15} \frac{21}{21} \frac{4}{4} \frac{4}{4} \frac{23}{23} \frac{9}{9} \frac{7}{7} \frac{8}{8} \frac{20}{20} \frac{4}{4} \frac{9}{9} \frac{5}{5} \frac{4}{4}$ of
 $\frac{19}{19} \frac{3}{3} \frac{1}{1} \frac{18}{18} \frac{12}{12} \frac{5}{5} \frac{20}{20} \frac{6}{6} \frac{5}{5} \frac{22}{22} \frac{5}{5} \frac{18}{18}$ at three years of age.
- Ike's $\frac{19}{19} \frac{5}{5} \frac{3}{3} \frac{15}{15} \frac{14}{14} \frac{4}{4} \frac{19}{19} \frac{15}{15} \frac{14}{14} \frac{10}{10} \frac{15}{15} \frac{8}{8} \frac{14}{14}$ was born in 1922.
- John had a son, $\frac{4}{4} \frac{1}{1} \frac{22}{22} \frac{9}{9} \frac{4}{4}$, who married $\frac{14}{14} \frac{9}{9} \frac{24}{24} \frac{15}{15} \frac{14}{14} \frac{19}{19}$
 $\frac{4}{4} \frac{1}{1} \frac{21}{21} \frac{7}{7} \frac{8}{8} \frac{20}{20} \frac{5}{5} \frac{18}{18} \frac{10}{10} \frac{21}{21} \frac{12}{12} \frac{9}{9} \frac{5}{5}$.



A - 1	N - 14
B - 2	O - 15
C - 3	P - 16
D - 4	Q - 17
E - 5	R - 18
F - 6	S - 19
G - 7	T - 20
H - 8	U - 21
I - 9	V - 22
J - 10	W - 23
K - 11	X - 24
L - 12	Y - 25
M - 13	Z - 26



Barack H. Obama

2009-

WORD SEARCHING

DIRECTIONS

In the grid, find these words about Barack Obama (the words that are not in parentheses). They can go up, down, across, at an angle, forward, or backward.



- (member of the Democratic) **Party**
- (president of the Harvard Law) **Review**
- (wrote the book) **Dreams** (from *My Father*)
- (called his grandmother) **Toot** (short for *tutu*, Hawaiian for grandparent)
- (was a) **professor**, (taught law)
- (won a) **Grammy** (Award for his book recording)
- (met his) **wife** (Michelle in 1989)
- (first daughter is) **Malia**
- (second daughter is) **Sasha**
- (entered presidency with extremely poor U.S.) **economy**
- (attended prep school at) **Punahou** (Academy in Hawaii)
- (he had a) **multiethnic** (upbringing)
- (likes to) **read**
- (worked at Baskin-Robbins serving) **ice cream**
- (1992: worked for Project Vote, encouraging people to) **vote**
- (raised many) **donations** (for his campaign over the Internet)
- (huge voter) **turnout** (for 2008 election)
- (wrote the book *The Audacity of Hope*)
- ("skinny kid with a funny) **name**(")
- (lived in) **Jakarta**, (Indonesia)

C	E	Z	I	N	N	G	A	M	H	T	Y	H	I	A	B	N
H	I	T	S	V	I	R	O	S	S	E	F	O	R	P	O	D
E	V	L	O	A	E	A	L	W	O	R	J	P	A	H	U	N
T	N	A	D	V	W	M	I	S	M	D	Q	E	M	R	G	S
N	I	O	I	T	U	M	G	S	N	V	X	S	A	S	H	A
N	X	E	E	A	K	Y	M	O	N	O	C	E	L	N	F	V
A	W	M	S	H	D	Z	E	Y	V	J	L	P	I	O	W	T
W	O	N	P	X	T	A	I	S	L	D	X	U	A	I	I	U
U	P	M	U	L	T	I	E	T	H	N	I	C	F	T	Q	R
I	A	S	N	Y	O	C	G	R	K	P	N	E	B	A	X	N
G	O	W	A	K	O	E	T	Z	O	C	R	N	A	N	I	O
Y	E	R	H	U	T	C	E	N	K	M	Y	T	E	O	M	U
T	M	V	O	Z	D	R	E	A	M	S	R	K	R	D	N	T
R	X	P	U	A	D	E	B	R	J	A	K	P	S	H	C	Q
A	J	Y	W	Q	C	A	F	T	K	S	U	O	S	W	B	S
P	A	Q	M	N	A	M	E	A	C	N	W	L	R	T	Q	E
F	R	I	V	C	R	L	J	W	T	U	T	K	Y	M	F	C

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