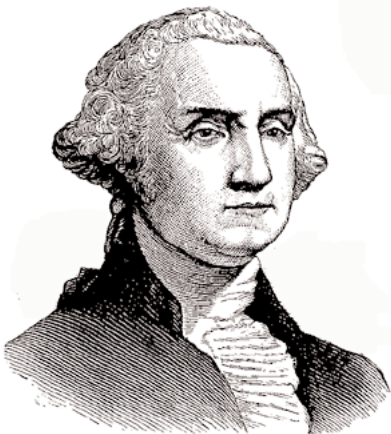


THE PRESIDENCY

The activities in this unit are designed to help your students understand the office of the President. Each activity can be used independently so you may choose those which fit your lesson plans and time schedule as well as your students' interests and abilities.

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From George Washington to George W. Bush, the 43 men who have served as president have each taken their own unique path to the White House.

14 were Vice-Presidents before becoming President. Write Vice-President after their names.

9 were Governors of states before becoming President. Write Governor after their names and the initials of the state.

6 were military heroes before becoming President. Write Military Hero after their names.

4 were Senators before becoming President. Write Senator after their names.

What was the path of the remaining 10?

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|---------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| George Washington | _____ | Theodore Roosevelt | _____ |
| John Adams | _____ | William H. Taft..... | _____ |
| Thomas Jefferson | _____ | Woodrow Wilson | _____ |
| James Madison..... | _____ | Warren G. Harding | _____ |
| James Monroe | _____ | Calvin Coolidge | _____ |
| John Quincy Adams | _____ | Herbert Hoover | _____ |
| Andrew Jackson | _____ | Franklin D. Roosevelt | _____ |
| Martin Van Buren | _____ | Harry Truman | _____ |
| William Henry Harrison.. | _____ | Dwight D. Eisenhower..... | _____ |
| John Tyler..... | _____ | John F. Kennedy | _____ |
| James Polk | _____ | Lyndon B. Johnson..... | _____ |
| Zachary Taylor | _____ | Richard Nixon | _____ |
| Millard Fillmore | _____ | Gerald Ford | _____ |
| Franklin Pierce | _____ | Jimmy Carter | _____ |
| James Buchanan | _____ | Ronald Reagan | _____ |
| Abraham Lincoln..... | _____ | George Bush | _____ |
| Andrew Johnson..... | _____ | Bill Clinton | _____ |
| Ulysses S. Grant | _____ | George W. Bush..... | _____ |
| Rutherford B. Hayes | _____ | | |
| James Garfield | _____ | | |
| Chester Arthur | _____ | | |
| Grover Cleveland | _____ | | |
| Benjamin Harrison | _____ | | |
| Grover Cleveland | _____ | | |
| William McKinley | _____ | | |



Name: _____

Class: _____

Period: _____



Illinois Governor Richard Clayton is one of seven candidates running for the Republican nomination for President. During one of the primary debates, the following pledges were made by the candidates.

First decide if the pledge could be made based on the Constitution and current law and then explain why or why not.

- Edward Schafer:** "In the Senate I could only vote against new taxes, but as President I can guarantee it to the American people. My veto power will make certain that a Democratic tax and spend Congress will never raise your taxes during my administration."

Can this be true? Yes ___ No ___ : _____

- Barbara Anderson:** "As chief executive I promise to run the country for the many and not the few. As chief legislator, I will propose laws that protect American jobs. As chief diplomat I will negotiate treaties with other nations that protect American jobs rather than ship them overseas."

Can this be true? Yes ___ No ___ : _____

- Richard Clayton:** "The day after my inauguration, I will direct the Internal Revenue Service to lower all individual federal income tax rates by 10% across the board. This will increase the amount of money every American worker gets to keep and spend for themselves. As consumer spending grows new jobs will be created."

Can this be true? Yes ___ No ___ : _____

- Charles Becker:** "As commander in chief, I will never allow American troops to be placed under the command of the United Nations."

Can this be true? Yes ___ No ___ : _____

- Margaret Strohmayr:** "I believe adequate health care is a right of all citizens. When elected, I will propose a 26th Amendment to the Constitution making health care a right of every American equal to those expressed in the Bill of Rights. I believe two-thirds of the members of Congress will agree and will vote to ratify this amendment making it part of the Constitution."

Can this be true? Yes ___ No ___ : _____
