



## **Character Education Resource Center** ***News You Can Use***

**February 2021**

We invite you to read our February issue of **News You Can Use** featuring resources for Presidents Day. Here are the topics in this issue:

**A Lesson Plan: Using Presidents' Character Quotes**  
**15 President's Day Activities**  
**Presidents' Day Teacher Resources: K-12, and more**

Please share this issue with your friends, colleagues, students and their parents.

### **Using Character Quotes in the Classroom**

Quotations are often a time-effective instructional strategy to engage your students to “think about thinking” (meta-cognition). Quotes lend themselves to critical thinking, application to lessons in life, a conversation starter for home and classrooms, and a character/behavior guide.

In addition, quotes meet Common Core State Standards for ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R2, CCRA.R8, CCRA.R9 ([Mensa Education & Research Foundation](#)) To You Their Teacher: It's up to YOU to answer four questions about this lesson: (1) Do you want to use it? (2) If so, do you need to modify it? (3) How much time will you give it? (4) How will it be extended?

**Objectives:** After this lesson students will be able to answer these questions:

- What do you think of when you read/hear this quote?
- What do you think the author was thinking?
- How would you write, journal, and/or do artwork (poster, painting, mural) for the quote you selected?

*Character is the architect of achievement.*

- George Washington

*The people have a right, an indisputable, unalienable, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge – I mean the character and conduct of their rulers.*

- John Adams

*Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.*

- Abraham Lincoln

*Character is the only secure foundation of the state.*

- Calvin Coolidge

*Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.*

- Theodore Roosevelt

*America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.*

- Harry Truman

*The qualities of a great man are vision, integrity, courage, understanding, the power of articulation, and profundity of character.*

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

*A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization.*

- George H. W. Bush

*If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress.*

- Barack Obama

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## 15 President's Day Activities

by Jacqui Murray, *Ask a Tech Teacher*, February 12, 2019

Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February—this year, February 19, 2018. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still unofficially called “Washington’s Birthday” by many. The holiday became known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971’s Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation’s workers. Several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and other figures. Here are fifteen ways to celebrate in your classroom including websites, games, activities, printables, quizzes, audios, songs, interactive maps, crafts, flashcards, videos, webquests, books, posters, trading cards, lesson plans, word searches, puzzles, speeches, articles, animations, biographies, and more.

## Presidents' Day Resources for Every Classroom

by [Andrew Roush](#), *technotes*, February 12, 2020

## Presidents' Day Teacher Resources: K-12, TeacherVision

Keep students engaged in learning about **Presidents' Day** with these game and puzzle **resources**. Meet the **Presidents**; More **Presidents' Day** Games & Puzzles; Art, Music, & Drama Activities for **Presidents' Day** Bring the arts into your lessons on **Presidents' Day** with students creating and illustrating mini-books, using a silhouette to write a story.

## **30 President Fun Facts + 6 Presidents' Day Trivia Activities!**

*TREND: We Make Learning Fun*

1. Facts Add Up! 2. Name the Number 3. Fact Finders 4. Match-up Challenge 5. Wacky Fact, or Fiction? 6. Game Show!

## **Our Favorite Presidents' Day Activities for the Classroom**

By Jenn Horton, WE ARE TEACHERS, February 6, 2019

Presidents' Day is a great opportunity to celebrate everything POTUS. Use the 14 activities and resources on this site or let them inspire you to create your own presidential lessons.

## **Lessons about the U.S. Presidents**

Learn about the history and duties of our Presidents.

## **The History of Presidents Day**

Learn the history of this federal holiday.

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