

# Presidents' Day - February 19, 2007



## Newspaper Activities:

1. Find articles about any US President. Design a classroom bulletin board using the items you found.
2. Find articles about the Presidents' Day holiday – the history of the holiday, when it was first celebrated, community celebration activities, etc.
3. Locate political cartoons in the paper that refer to any president or this holiday. Hold a classroom discussion or write a brief explanation of the meaning of the cartoons. Create your own political cartoon about the holiday the past presidents or the current president.
4. Make a timeline of any US President's life and presidency, from articles found in the newspaper.
5. Make a list of Presidents' Day ads in the paper. List the advertising companies and the items they have on sale. Determine where you would shop for the best bargains today.
6. Locate and discuss any cartoon strips that are designed around this holiday.
7. Compare the way past presidents may have conducted business with the way our current president does. Write an essay about how things are the same now as in the past, and how they are different.
8. President Washington was part of the Revolutionary War, President Lincoln with the Civil War, and President Bush is dealing with the war in Iraq. If you were a reporter in the previous wars, how would your news reports be different from the news reports on the current war? How would they be similar? Write a news article on any of the three wars, from a president's point of view.

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