



## Schoolhouse to White House



Do you think you might like to run for president of the United States one day? Maybe there's a future president in your class right now!

If there's a public office in your future, people will want to know more about you. But even if you don't become president, you will want to save souvenirs of your school years to show your kids someday. You might save:

- report cards
- art creations
- school photos
- papers with good grades.

### Presidential libraries

When a president's term is up, he or she needs a place to store important documents, photos and other reminders of his or her life and time in office.

Today, there are presidential libraries administered by the National Archives honoring our last 13 presidents. People visit to do research and to learn more about their lives.

Before the presidential libraries were set up, the papers and important documents of our earlier presidents were distributed to many different sources. Some of these papers were even destroyed.

However, the largest collection of presidential papers from most of the earlier presidents is in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.



The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

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### Before the White House

These are photos and clues about five of our presidents while they were students. Can you guess the identity of each of them?



**1** This photo was taken when this president graduated from Harvard. He always went to private schools. His keen interest in social activities, football, swimming and golf took so much of his time that his grades were not as good as they might have been.



**2** He grew up on a peanut farm. When he was only 7 years old, he wrote to the Naval Academy to find out about its entrance requirements.

The Presidential Library system began with President Franklin Roosevelt's donation of his personal and presidential papers to the federal government in 1939.



Answers: 1. John F. Kennedy; 2. Jimmy Carter; 3. Ronald Reagan; 4. George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush; 5. Bill Clinton

### Mini Fact:

Herbert Hoover's library was not dedicated until 1962, when he was 88 years old.



**3** He made the swimming and football teams in college. He had the lead in most of the school plays. He

was a straight "C" student who was interested in sports, acting and politics.

**4** This photo was taken of this president-to-be when he was at Yale University. He is holding his young son, who later also became president.



**5** This photo was taken on his 12th birthday. Later he was a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford in England.



### Resources



#### On the Web:

- presidentialtimeline.org
- trumanlibrary.org/kids
- bit.ly/1RxvfjC

#### At the library:

- "Our Country's Presidents: All You Need to Know About the Presidents, From George Washington to Barack Obama" by Ann Bausum

## Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of our presidents and their libraries are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ACADEMY, COLLECTION, CONGRESS, DOCUMENTS, FOOTBALL, HARVARD, LIBRARY, NAVAL, OFFICE, PHOTOS, PRESIDENT, PUBLIC, RESEARCH, RUN, SCHOOL, SWIMMING, TERM, YALE.

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

## Cook's Corner

### Trail Mix Campwich

#### You'll need:

- 8 ounces light cream cheese
- 2 (1-ounce) fruit-and-nut bars, crumbled
- 4 tablespoons dried cranberries or raisins
- 6 tablespoons shredded and chopped carrots
- 12 slices multigrain bread



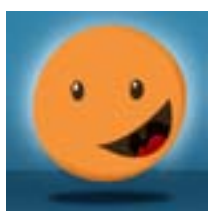
\* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

#### What to do:

1. Mix cream cheese, crumbled fruit-and-nut bars, cranberries and carrots.
2. Spread 2 tablespoons of cream cheese mixture on 6 slices of bread.
3. Top with 6 remaining slices to make sandwiches. Serves 6.

## 7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. what you sleep on (8) \_\_\_\_\_
2. spiny desert plant (6) \_\_\_\_\_
3. mammal with a flat tail (6) \_\_\_\_\_
4. expensive house (7) \_\_\_\_\_
5. large body of salt water (5) \_\_\_\_\_
6. hibernation season (6) \_\_\_\_\_
7. where stuff is made (7) \_\_\_\_\_

AN	VER	CAC	FAC
RY	TUS	TER	MA
TT	OCE	TO	BEA
MAN	SION	RESS	WIN

Answers: mattress, cactus, beaver, mansion, ocean, winter, factory.

## Mini Jokes



- Charlie:** Why did the bee's hair get sticky?  
**Cora:** Because he used a honeycomb!
- Colin:** What did one hair say to the other?  
**Carlene:** "You'd better not tangle with me!"

## Eco Note



Do you recycle? Be a recycling detective. Find out if your town or neighborhood has curbside recycling. If not, find the nearest recycling center. Either way, learn which materials are accepted and how they should be prepared. Then get recycling!

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## For later:

Look up the 13 presidential libraries. On a map, circle each state that is home to a presidential library.

## Teachers:

For standards-based activities to accompany this feature, visit: [bbs.amuniversal.com/teaching\\_guides.html](http://bbs.amuniversal.com/teaching_guides.html)

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