



The Mini Page

Next Week:
It's a leap year!

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Presidents Old and New

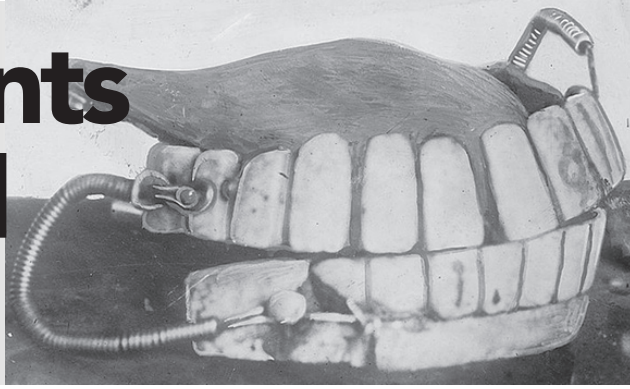


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Mini Fact:

George Washington did not have wooden teeth. His teeth were made of the best materials available at the time.

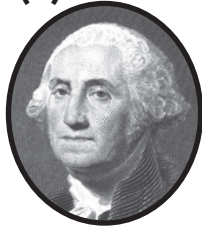
We celebrate Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 19. This holiday began as a tribute to President George Washington and was scheduled near his birthday, Feb. 22. In fact, the official name of the federal holiday is still Washington's Birthday.

This week, The Mini Page celebrates Presidents Day by getting to know our first five and most recent five presidents. (The number next to each president's name shows the order in which he served.)

George Washington (1)

- Washington was the only president to have a state named after him.

- He gave the shortest inauguration speech ever, 133 words, at his second inauguration in 1793.



John Adams (2)

- Adams was the first president to live in the White House. He moved in before it was completely finished in 1800.



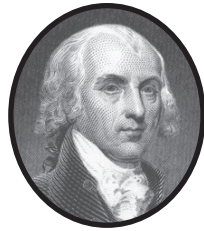
Thomas Jefferson (3)

- Jefferson sold about 6,000 of his own books to help start the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

- In 1819, he founded the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.



James Madison (4)



- Madison spoke in such a soft voice that people often had to ask him to speak up.

- Madison was the shortest president. He was only 5 feet 4 inches tall. He weighed 100 pounds.

James Monroe (5)



- As George Washington's ambassador to France, Monroe helped negotiate the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

- About Monroe, Jefferson said, "Monroe was so honest that if you turned his soul inside out, there would not be a spot on it."

Bill Clinton (42)

- Clinton met President John F. Kennedy when he was in high school. He said that meeting led him to a life of public service.



- Clinton is the only president to have been a Rhodes Scholar.

George W. Bush (43)

- Bush's father, George H.W. Bush, served as the country's 41st president.

- Bush was the president during the 9/11 attacks in 2001.



Barack Obama (44)



- Obama was the first African American president in the United States. His father was from Kenya, and his mother was born in Wichita, Kansas.

- Obama was elected to a second term in office in 2012. He was the fourth president to receive a Nobel Peace Prize.

Donald Trump (45)



- Trump, a business owner, was elected in 2016. He had never served in a governmental role before.

- Trump lost his reelection bid in 2020 but is running again in the 2024 presidential election.

Joe Biden (46)

- Biden served in the U.S. Senate, representing Delaware, for 36 years before becoming Obama's vice president in 2008.

- Sadly, Biden lost his wife, Neilia, and their daughter, Naomi, in a car accident in 1972. Biden later married first lady Jill Biden.

- With careful therapy, Biden overcame a stuttering problem that he'd had since he was a boy.



Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPpresidents

At the library:

- "Our Country's Presidents" by Ann Bausum (updated through 2020 election)

Try 'n' Find

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



FEDERAL, HOLIDAY, HONEST, LOUISIANA, NOBEL, PRESIDENT, RHODES, SECOND, SENATE, SERVICE, SPEECH, STATE, STUTTER, TERM, TRIBUTE, UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, WHITE HOUSE.

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Cook's Corner

Black Bean Vegetable Soup

You'll need:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder

- 2 (14-ounce) cans vegetable stock
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 (15-ounce) cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes



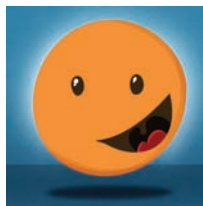
What to do:

- In a stew pot, heat olive oil and cook onion, carrots and garlic until onion is translucent.
- Add cumin and chili powder, stirring for 1 minute until mixed.
- Add stock, pepper and 1 can black beans; heat until boiling.
- Meanwhile, puree remaining can of beans and tomatoes in a blender until smooth. Add to soup mixture. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Serves 4.

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

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.



- it connects the arm and hand (5) _____
- fit in (6) _____
- more than you asked for (5) _____
- Atlanta and Chicago (6) _____
- where you find letters (7) _____
- receive for working (4) _____
- "Rewrite the Stars" singer (7) _____

DA	IST	IES	ILB
BEL	EA	YA	TRA
MA	OX	WR	ONG
EX	ZEN	RN	CIT

Answers: wrist, belong, extra, cities, mailbox, earn, Zendaya

Mini Jokes



Penny: What was Abraham Lincoln's nickname as an infant?
Paul: Babe Lincoln!

Eco Note



A massive iceberg that was stuck on the ocean floor off Antarctica for more than three decades is now drifting freely toward the South Atlantic Ocean. Designated A23a, the huge chunk of sea ice split from the Filchner Ice Shelf in 1986 before quickly running aground. It began moving again last year as the world's largest iceberg, measuring 1,544 square miles. Satellite images show it is now gaining speed while passing the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. Weighing nearly a billion tons, A23a could run aground again near South Georgia Island.

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For later:

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