

Our President

Level 1 ■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Being the President

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Level 2 ■■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Working for the United States

The president of the United States is the leader of our country. The first president was George Washington. He became president in 1789. Washington helped to set up our nation. He was one of the founders.

Washington and the other founders decided what the government would be like. Washington also helped decide what kinds of laws the new nation would have. These things were written in the Constitution. There have been more than 40 presidents since George Washington. They have signed new laws. They have helped the country grow. They have worked to keep the people of the United States safe and happy.

All of the presidents have been a big job. They help make the United States a great place to live. A president works to help the people who live in our country. Each new president works to make country even better.

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Level 3 ■■■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

A Strong Leader

The United States has a president. The president is the leader of the nation. The president's job is one part of the government. The government is made up of all the people who help run our country. The president is chosen by the people every four years. People in the United States vote for the president they want. If you are 18 years old, you can vote. You can choose your leader of the United States.

The president of the United States is a very important person. However, the president must follow the laws of the Constitution. The Constitution tells about the powers and duties of the president. It gives the president the power to sign new laws. The president is also in charge of the military.

The president meets with leaders from other countries. They talk about world problems. They try to work together to make the world a better place for everyone. Being the president is a hard job. The president is often busy. The president has to help many people with his or her work.

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Assemble the Unit

Reproduce and distribute one copy for each student:

- Visual Literacy page: All About the President, page 11
- Level 1, 2, or 3 Reading Selection and Reading Comprehension page and the corresponding Words to Know list
- Graphic Organizer of your choosing, provided on pages 180–186
- Writing Form: Our President, page 12

Introduce the Topic

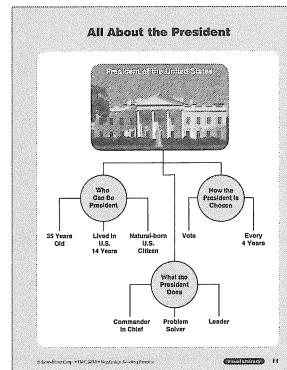
Explain to students that the president of the United States is the leader of this country. Review the graphic to build background about the position and how presidents are chosen. Ask students to share what they know about the current president.

Read and Respond

Form leveled groups and review the Words to Know lists with each group of students. Instruct each group to read their selection individually, in pairs, or as a group. Have students complete the Reading Comprehension page for their selection.

Write About the Topic

Read aloud the leveled writing prompt for each group. Tell students to use the Graphic Organizer to plan their writing. Direct students to use their Writing Form to respond to their prompt.



Visual Literacy

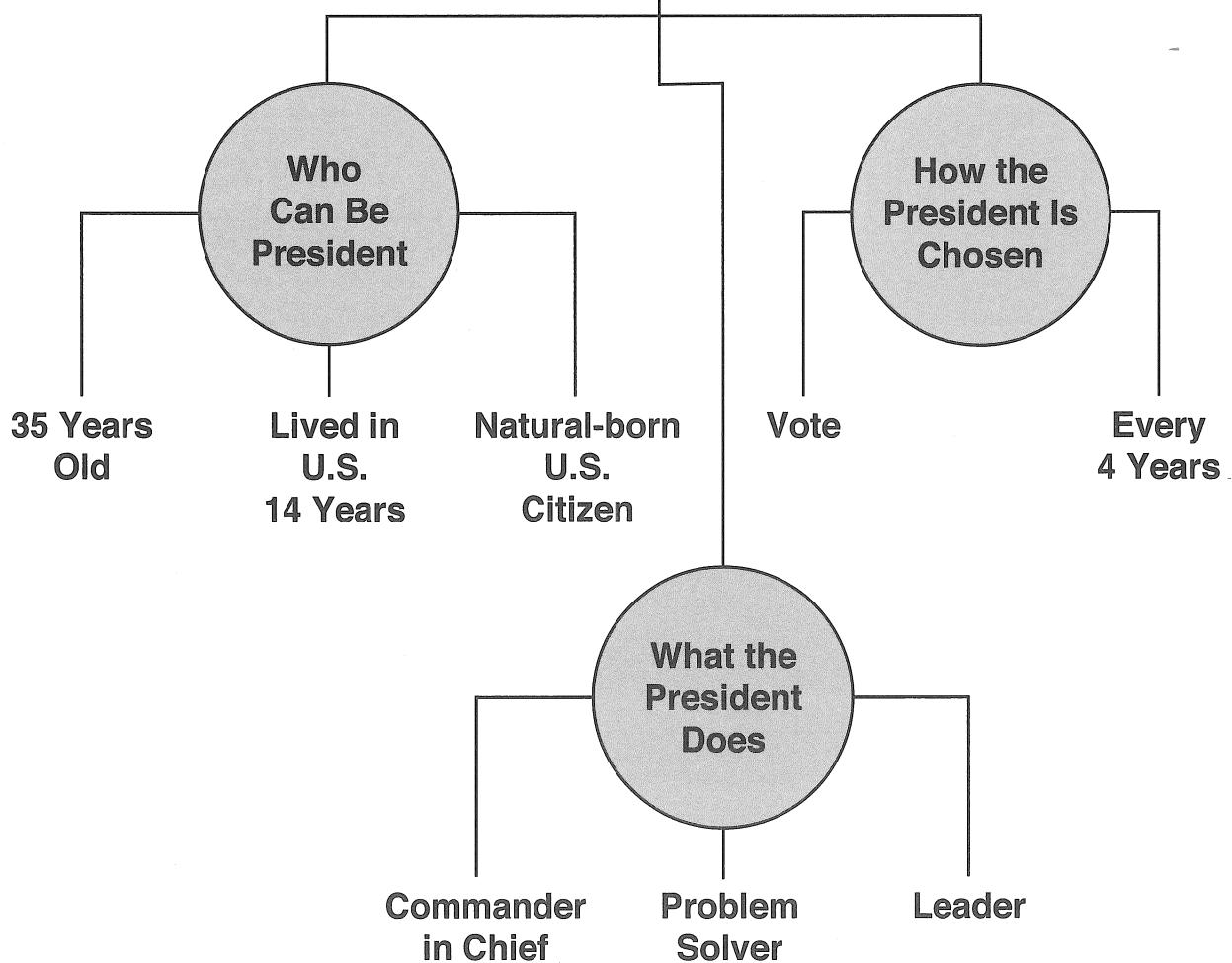
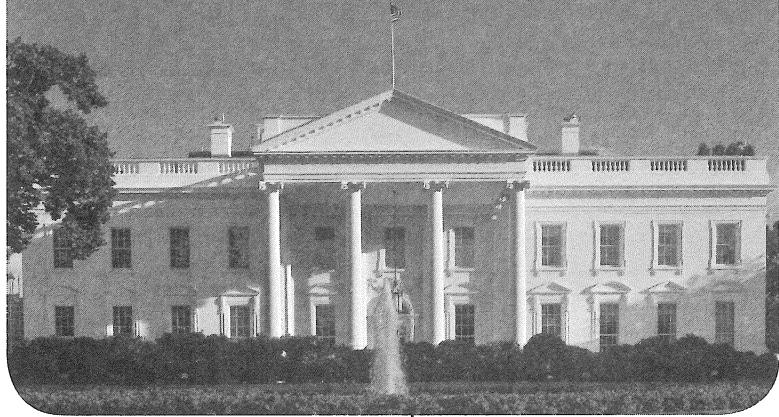
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Writing Form

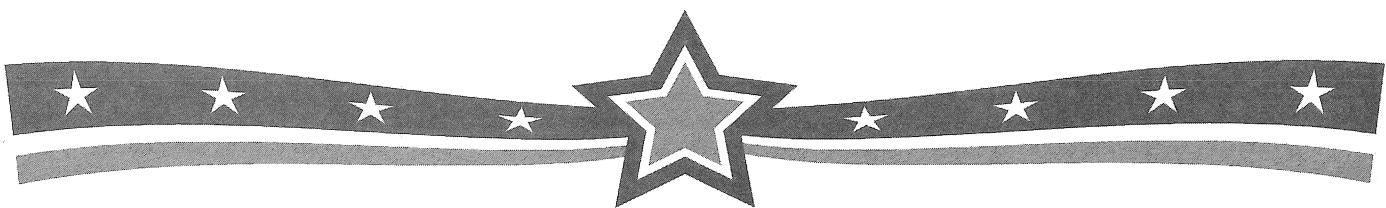
All About the President

President of the United States



Name _____

Our President



Words to Know

Being the President

United States

president

leader

country

Constitution

signs

laws

armed forces

White House

Words to Know

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George Washington

founders

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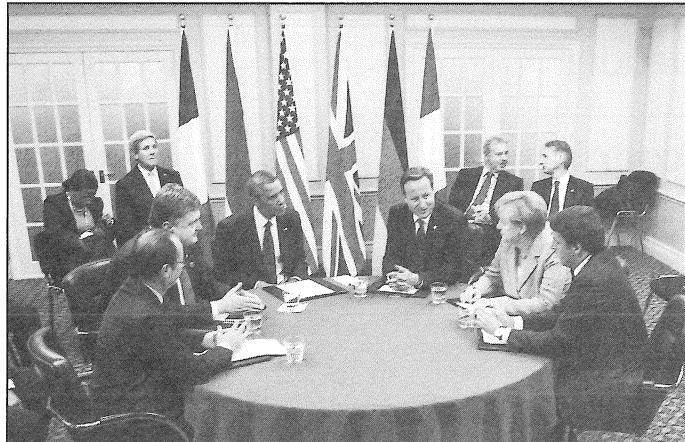
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The president talks with other leaders about how they can work together.



**The White House
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Fill in the circle to complete the sentence. Then answer questions 3 and 4.

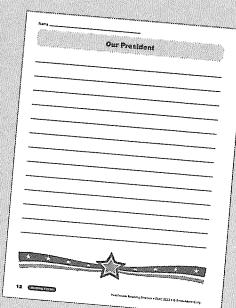
1. The president of the United States works to _____.
Ⓐ only have meetings
Ⓑ rule other countries
Ⓒ be a good leader
2. The president of the United States lives in _____.
Ⓐ the White House
Ⓑ Pennsylvania
Ⓒ another country
3. The author says the president has a big job. Tell one reason why this is so.

4. Write two facts about the president.

Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to write about what you read.

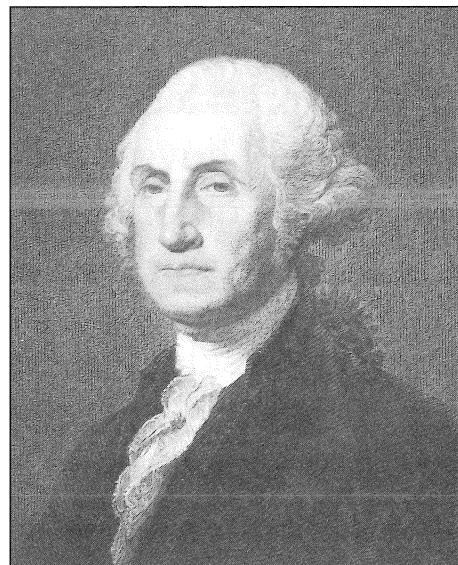
What does the president do? Write to tell about the president's work and life.



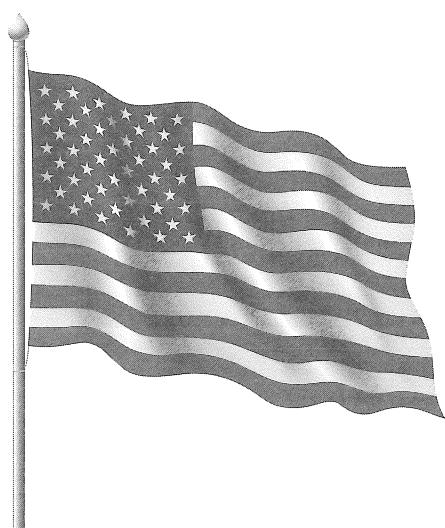
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President George Washington



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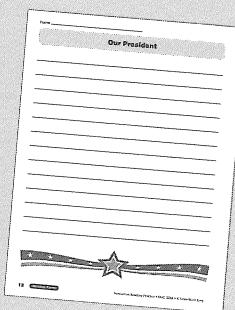
1. The president is the leader of _____.
Ⓐ other countries
Ⓑ the United States
Ⓒ past presidents
2. George Washington became the first president in _____.
Ⓐ 1776
Ⓑ 1789
Ⓒ 1797
3. Where did the founders write rules for the new nation?

4. What does the author think about the job presidents do?

Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to write about what you read.

Write to tell details about what the first president,
George Washington, did.



A Strong Leader

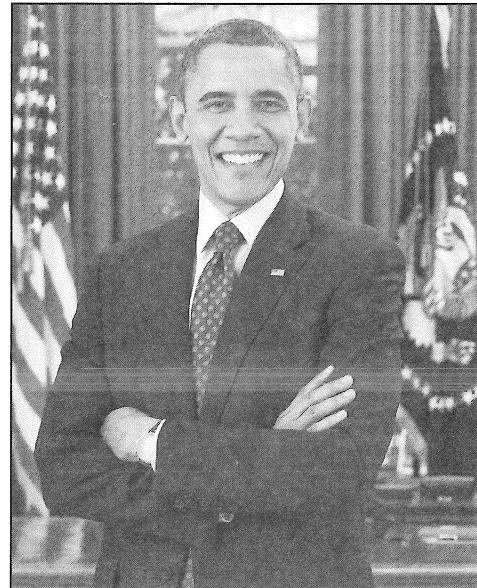
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You can help choose the next leader of the United States.

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president of the United States is a hard job. But the president is able to help many people with his or her work.



**President Barack Obama
was United States president
from 2009 to 2017.**



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The president flies in an airplane called Air Force One. He or she can fly to other countries to work with their leaders.