# 3rd Grade Thematic Unit 

## Week of $\underline{5 / 11-5 / 15}$

## Presidents of the

## United States

President of the
United States of America


Presidential seal


Presidential flag

## 3rd Grade Thematic Unit

## Let's Study Presidents!

## Essential Question:

## You are now the new President of the United States, how will you run the country to be the BEST that it can be?

The goal is for you to complete the work and either turn it into Mr. Ostrom at school on Monday, May 11th from 9:00 am-11:00 am or drop it into the red mailbox that is attached to the fence in the front parking lot labeled, "Returned Work."

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## Our President Lives in the White House



Washington, D.C., is the capital of the United States of America. The White House is in Washington, D.C.

The president and the president's family live in the White House. The president's pets live there too.

The White House has 132 rooms. It has 35 bathrooms.
It has a swimming pool and a movie theater.
The White House has a special office. It is called the Oval Office. The president works in the Oval Office.

The White House has a lot of color. It has a room named the Blue Room where the president meets many of his guests. It also has a Green Room and a Red Room! Both rooms are sitting rooms usually used to welcome guests or to celebrate an event.

## Our President Lives in the White House

1. Who lives in the White House?
A. the president and the president's family and pets
B. actors and actresses from famous movies
C. nobody
2. What building does this passage describe?
A. the Empire State Building
B. the Lincoln Memorial
C. the White House
3. The White House has 132 rooms including a swimming pool, movie theater, Oval Office, and Blue Room. What does this information tell us about who uses the White House?
A. The White House is only used as a home for the president.
B. The White House is only a building where people go to work.
C. The White House is used for many things, including work and as a home.
4. What is "Our President Lives in the White House" mostly about?
A. the capital of the United States of America
B. the president of the United States of America
C. the White House and its rooms
5. Where is the White House?
6. What did you learn from "Our President Lives in the White House"?
7. Class Discussion Question: Explain why there are so many rooms in the White House.

## Thomas Jefferson

## Review Key Words <br> fought freedom <br> founding fathers France <br> took part in an argument or struggle being free the men who begin something a country in Europe



## Write a Prediction

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## Read the Story

Thomas Jefferson was one of the97
men who wrote and signed the ..... 103
Declaration of Independence in 1776. ..... 108
He later became the third President ..... 113
of the United States. Thomas ..... 118
Jefferson is one of our nation's ..... 124
founding fathers. ..... 129
He was born in Virginia in 1743. ..... 134
After graduating from the College of ..... 139
William and Mary in 1762, Jefferson ..... 145
became a lawyer and politician. He ..... 150
wrote most of the Declaration of ..... 156
Independence. In 1779, Thomas ..... 159
Jefferson became Governor of ..... 164
Virginia. ..... 169
Thomas Jefferson was always ..... 175
against slavery. He fought for ..... 181
freedom of religion and freedom of ..... 184
became Minister to France. This was an important job after the Revolutionary War. In 1790, he became Secretary of State. Thomas Jefferson was elected the President of the United States in 1800.

President Jefferson sent out the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the West. He bought land from France in the Louisiana Purchase. He was one of our country's greatest leaders.

Thomas Jefferson retired to his beautiful home called Monticello in 1809. He collected art and helped start the University of Virginia. He died in 1826. speech and press. In 1785, he
$\qquad$ Final Timing Score: $\qquad$

## Answer the Questions

1 . What is the main idea of this story?
a. Jefferson was a great leader.
b. Jefferson was a lawyer.
c. Jefferson retired in 1809 .
2. Where did Thomas Jefferson live?
a. Pennsylvania
b. Virginia
c. New York
3. What does politician mean in this story?
a. a brave explorer
b. a good writer
c. a government leader
4. What did President Jefferson do to make the United States larger?
a. He helped write the Declaration of Independence.
b. He bought land from France.
c. He became Minister to France.
5. List three reasons Thomas Jefferson is known as one of our country's greatest leaders.
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$\qquad$ Number Correct: $\qquad$

Write a Retell of "Thomas Jefferson"

Number of Words Written: $\qquad$



Write the number that
is 4 more.
17 $\qquad$ 64 $\qquad$ 74 $\qquad$

Anna has six tickets to the middle school play. She gave Pam a ticket. She gave three tickets to Anne. How many tickets does Anna have left?

Would you like to become President of the United States? Below are the duties (jobs,) requirements, and your salary (how much you would make in a year) in order to be eligible
to become President. Follow the directions below the information you just read.

## Duties

The president of the United States is the chief executive of the federal government and commander-and-chief of the United States Military. Below is a list of presidential responsibilities.

- The president manages the U.S. government and the country's national affairs.
- The president can issue executive orders - rules or actions that do not require congressional approval.
- The president can mobilize and call to action the National Guard.
- The president nominates all heads of executive departments.
- The president prepares the national budget.
- The president can veto acts of Congress (though the presidential veto can be overridden via vote).
- The president prepares the State of the Union Address, a nationally televised speech outlining the status of the United States.
- The president appoints members of the Supreme Court.
- The president can pardon individuals convicted of breaking federal law.
- The president is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of relations with foreign nations.
- The president appoints ambassadors to other nations.
- The president is responsible for the protection of Americans abroad.


## Requirements to be President

The president must be a natural-born citizen of the United States. The president must also be at least 35 years old and a resident of the United States for 14 years.

## Presidential Elections

Presidential elections are held every four years. Presidents can serve a maximum of two terms, or eight years in office. The president and vice-president are the only officials elected on a national scale.

## Salary (how much you would be paid yearly)

The president of the United States is the highest paid government employee. The president earns $\$ 400,000$ per year. That said, did you know the CEO of Apple (Tim Cook) makes over 200 times what the President of the United

Directions; You are now the President of the United States. Using the information above, answer the following questions.

1. Which 2 duties would you be most excited to do and why?
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2. Which 1 duty would you be most scared to do and why? $\qquad$
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3. Do you think the amount of money you would be paid yearly is worth all of your duties? Why or Why not?

## President of the United States



Every four years, the people of the United States vote for the country's leader. The winner of that election becomes the nation's president.

The president may be a man or a woman. He or she will live and work in the White House in Washington, D.C. What does the president do? Here are some examples.

The president is the leader of the American government. The president suggests laws he thinks the country needs. The president may work with the members of the U.S. Congress to get his ideas turned into laws.

The president appoints people to help run the government. These people include judges and leaders of government departments. Often, the president's choices have to be approved by the U.S. Congress.

The president is commander-in-chief of the country's military. That means the president is responsible for the actions of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard.

During any one day, an American president can do many things. The president can speak with advisers, give a speech, or sign a bill into law. The president may meet with leaders of other countries. In the evening, the president sometimes attends special events.

Being president of the United States is a difficult, complicated job.

## President of the United States

1. Who is the leader of the American government?
A. a member of the U.S. Congress
B. the president
C. a judge appointed by the president
2. What does the article describe?
A. The article describes what the president of the United States does.
B. The article describes some of the laws that have been suggested by American presidents.
C. The article describes the special events that the president of the United States sometimes attends in the evening.
3. Presidents are not able to run the government on their own.

What evidence from the article supports this statement?
A. During one day, the president can do many things.
B. The president appoints judges to help run the government.
C. The president is commander-in-chief of the American military.
5. What is the main idea of this article?
A. The American president has a lot to do.
B. The American president can speak with advisors, give speeches, and sign bills into law.
C. Every four years, the people of the United States vote for a president.

Name $\qquad$

## SENTENCE TYPES

Date $\qquad$

There are four types of sentences.

- A declarative sentence makes a statement. It ends in a period. This candy bar molted.
- An interrogative sentence asks a question. It ends with a question mark.

Hes the candy bar molted?
? An imperative sentence gives a command. It ends with a period. Give me that candy bar.

* An exclamatory sentence shows emotion. It ends with an exclamation point.

Yuck! This candy bar is melted!

Directions: Write the sentence type.

1. Pass the mustard. $\qquad$
2. May I read your poem? $\qquad$
3. We passed the test! $\qquad$
4. Mort got a speeding ticket.
5. Don't touch that, please. $\qquad$
6. Her arm was broken in two places.


Directions; Read the information below and answer each of the questions within the text(words.)

The men who wrote the Constitution wanted to ensure that no person or small group could control the government. That's why they set up three branches of government.


1. Why was the Constitution written? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
2. Which branch of government makes laws? $\qquad$
3. Which branch of government is elected by the people?


Then they created a system of checks and balances among these branches. Every power the president has is balanced by a different power Congress or the courts have. For example, the president is commander in chief of the armed forces. But only Congress can declare war. Still, over the years, many presidents have added to the powers granted to them in the Constitution.

1. Who/which group can only declare war? $\qquad$

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson bought a huge amount of land from France. It was called the Louisiana Territory. The Constitution does not specifically give presidents the power to buy land. However, it does give them the power to make treaties. Jefferson interpreted this as giving him the power to sign a treaty that purchased the Louisiana Territory.


The Constitution gives the president the right to veto (say no to) a law passed by Congress. Andrew Jackson was president from 1829 to 1837. He was the first president who vetoed bills he did not agree with. Before that, presidents had vetoed only bills they believed were not allowed by the Constitution. Jackson vetoed more bills than all the presidents before him put together. Here are some other examples of checks and balances. The president can make treaties with other countries. But a treaty is not valid unless the Senate agrees. The president appoints members of the Supreme Court. But the Senate must approve the person the president chooses. Congress passes bills, and the president can either sign them into law or veto them. But Congress can override a veto with a large enough vote.
5. What does veto mean?
6. Who appoints members to the Supreme Court?
7. Who must approve the president's choices for the Supreme Court?

## Presidents' Day Is Here!

Presidents' Day is observed on the third Monday of February. Do you know why we honor George Washington and Abraham Lincoln on that day? Both presidents were born in February.

George Washington was our first president. He was born in Virginia on February 22, 1732. He was president from 1789 to 1797.

## Fun Facts

When he was a boy, his favorite subject was math.
He started writing in a journal at age 16. He had good handwriting. He wrote about what he did each day.
He was a soldier and a farmer before he became president.
He had many dogs and horses. He also had a parrot named Polly.
At the age of 22, he started to lose his teeth. When he became president, he had only one tooth left. He wore false teeth.
He never lived in the White House. Why? It had not been built yet. Work on the White House was started in 1792. It was finished in 1800.

Abraham Lincoln was our 16th president. He was born in Kentucky on February 12, 1809. He was president from 1861 to 1865.

Fun Facts
When he was a boy, he loved to read. One of his favorite books was about the life of George Washington.
He was known for being honest. People often called him "Honest Abe."
He was a shop owner and a lawyer before he became president.
He had goats, dogs, and a cat named Tabby. Tabby was the first cat to live in the White House.
He was the tallest president. He was 6 feet 4 inches tall.
He was the first president to have a beard. He grew it after getting a letter from a little girl named Grace. She told him that his face was thin. She said he would look better with a beard.

## Presidents' Day Is Here!

1. When is Presidents' Day?
A. the second Monday of February
B. the first Monday of February
C. the third Monday of February
2. The passage lists facts about which two presidents?
A. George Washington and Barack Obama
B. Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama
C. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln
3. George Washington never lived in the White House because the White House wasn't finished until 1800. Abraham Lincoln was president from 1861 to 1865 . What can be concluded about whether Abraham Lincoln lived in the White House based on this information?
A. Abraham Lincoln lived in the White House for only a few months.
B. Abraham Lincoln probably did not live in the White House.
C. Abraham Lincoln most likely lived in the White House.
4. What is "Presidents' Day is Here!" mostly about?
A. George Washington's childhood
B. Abraham Lincoln's presidency
C. facts about two U.S. presidents
5. Who was America's first president?
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## Directions

Write the plural form of the word in parentheses.

Rule If a word ends in $\mathbf{f}$ or $\mathbf{f e}$, change the $\mathbf{f}$ or $\mathbf{f e}$ to $\mathbf{v}$ before adding the suffix es.

| one thief <br> one life | several thieves <br> nine lives |
| :--- | :--- | nine lives

1. these (leaf) $\qquad$
2. those (wolf) $\qquad$
3. four (shelf) $\qquad$
4. two (half) $\qquad$
5. ten (thief)
6. six (calf)
7. few (knife)
8. several (elf)
9. few (wife)
10. many (life)

## Directions

Write a word from the box below to complete each sentence. Then write its base word on the line.

| leaves | wolves | lives | scarves loaves |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| calves | knives | shelves | wives |  |

11. Long ago, pioneers led hard $\qquad$ .
12. The men chopped wood to make $\qquad$ .
13. They built barns for the cows and $\qquad$ .
14. They had to protect them from wild $\qquad$ .
15. Pioneer $\qquad$ worked as hard as their husbands. $\qquad$
16. Each week they baked $\qquad$ of bread.
17. They picked berries from the $\qquad$ of bushes.
18. At night, the women knitted warm $\qquad$ .
19. The men sharpened their $\qquad$ beside the fire.

Mary and Rose are playing a game together. Mary has 15 diamonds. Rose has 17 dimonds. Rose wants to buy an avatar that costs 23 diamonds. How many diamonds does she need to borrow from Mary so she can buy it?

Wendy quit the game so she gave Maria her 13 gold coins. Now Maria has 20 gold coins. How many gold coins did Maria have before Wendy quit?

There were twenty kids on the bus. At the first stop four kids got off. How many kids are still on the bus?


A fire truck has four wheels. How many wheels are there on three fire trucks?

Emily bought some seeds. She planted them in pots. They grew into corn plants. There were six plants. Each plant had four ears of corn on it. How many ears of corn were there in all?

Amanda and Rosa bought some candy canes. They had \$3. The candy canes cost \$1.50. How much money did they have left?

Directions; Complete the poster below explaining and drawing what it would look like on your first day of being President of the United States. Be creative!


## Hello, Mister Obama

The president of the United States has an important job. He or she is the leader of the armed forces. This person executes and enforces United States laws. The president is able to sign bills to become laws. He or she is also able to veto, or reject, laws. In addition, the president works with the leaders of other countries.

Meet Barack Obama! He was the 44th president of the United States. He was the first African American to become a U.S. president. Obama was elected in November 2008. In January 2009, he began a four-year term as president. In November 2012, Obama was reelected for a second term.

Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters. Their names are Malia and Sasha. They all lived in the White House during his presidency. It has been home to every president except George Washington.

The White House has 132 rooms and 35 bathrooms! One room is called the Oval Office. That is where the president usually works. In another room called the Cabinet Room, the president meets with people like the heads of the U.S. government departments, members of Congress, and leaders of foreign nations. Here they talk about topics such as national security and energy. The discussions are often about how to help solve national and global problems.

But the White House isn't just for serious work. The White House also has a tennis court, a jogging track, a swimming pool, a movie theater, and a bowling lane to entertain the president, the president's family, and their guests.


## Hello, Mister Obama

1. Who was the 44th president of the United States?
A. Barack Obama
B. Michelle Obama
C. George Washington
2. What does the author describe at the beginning of the text?
A. Barack Obama and his family
B. the job of the president of the United States
C. some rooms in the White House
3. The White House is a big building. What evidence from the text supports this conclusion?
A. The president and the president's family live in the White House.
B. The Oval Office is in the White House.
C. The White House has 132 rooms.
4. Read this sentence from the text.
"In November 2012, Obama was reelected for a second term."
Based on this information, what conclusion can you make?
A. Many Americans wanted Obama to be president again.
B. Obama did not want to be president again.
C. Obama did not do a good job during his first term as president.

What does the word "reelected" mean?
A. chosen again
B. kicked out
C. moved away

Date $\qquad$

There are four types of sentences.
. A declarative sentence makes a statement. It ends in a period.
ノOdi ate the chips.

* An interrogative sentence asks a question. It ends with a question mark.

Has dodi Caten all the chips?

* An imperative sentence gives a command. It ends with a period.

Try these onion chips.

* An exclamatory sentence shows emotion. It ends with an exclamation point.

ThOse chips taste fermible!

Directions: Write a sentence for each type.

1. declarative:
2. interrogative:
3. imperative: $\qquad$
4. exclamatory:

## 74 <br> 67 <br> 34 <br> 78 <br> 73 <br> 61 <br> $+2$ <br> $+60$ <br> $+15$ <br> $+53$ <br> $+18$ <br> $+61$

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| $\frac{1}{4}$ |  | $\frac{1}{4}$ |  |  | $\frac{1}{4}$ |  | $\frac{1}{4}$ |  |  |
|  |  | ! |  |  |  | $\frac{2}{8}$ |  |  |  |

What time is it?


Write these numbers in order from smallest to largest.

113, 219, 123, 122, 168
$\qquad$

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{1}{3}$ |  |  | $\frac{1}{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ |  | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ | $\frac{1}{9}$ |
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Circle the odd numbers. $6 \quad 6781$
$9 \quad 95 \quad 78$
$14 \quad 823 \quad 342$

Erin and Anna are playing a game together. Erin has 13 diamonds. Anna has 17 dimonds. Anna wants to buy an avatar that costs 24 diamonds. How many diamonds does she need to borrow from Erin so she can buy it?

## What is Mount Rushmore? Read about it below and respond to the questions/statements below.

Mount Rushmore is a sculpture carved into the side of a mountain in South Dakota. You can see the faces of four important presidents. Those presidents are:
Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Theodore Roosevelt. It took 14 years, 400 workers, and almost one million dollars to carve the mountain. In order to sculpt the faces, workers had to remove over 800 million pounds of stone using dynamite. If you worked on Mr. Rushmore, you would have made only about 50 cents an hour. Lots of people go to Mount Rushmore every year to hike or bike up the mountain and visit the monument.

1. What are the interesting facts you found about Mount Rushmore?
2. Write 2 reasons why people visit Mount Rushmore
3. If you could add another president onto the monument, who would it be and why?

## The White House



The White House is the name given to the official home and workplace of the President of the United States. It is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. Every President except George Washington has lived there. It was built between 1792 and 1800; in 1814, it was burned by the British army when they invaded the city during the War of 1812.

After the war ended, the White House was rebuilt in the 1820's and has been expanded over the years. It has been redecorated on the inside and today is open for public tours. The President's family also lives in the White House.

The President's office is called the Oval Office because the room is shaped like an oval. In the Oval Office, the President signs bills, meets with staff, and hosts guests and visitors. The furniture in the room may change over the years, but one of the most famous pieces is the Resolute desk, which was a gift from the British Queen Victoria to President Hayes in 1880. It was made from the wood of a British ship.

## The White House

1. What is the address for the White House?
2. What happened to the White House in 1812?
3. What shape is the president's office?
4. Name three thing the president might do in his office:
5. What is a famous item in the White House?

Read each clue. Find the word in the box that matches the clue. Then write the word in the crossword puzzle.

Hint Singular means one. Plural means more than one.


| ELF | THIEVES | SCARVES | FOXES | LOAVES |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| WIFE | SCARF | TURKEYS | LIVES | WOLF |
| SHELVES | AXES | ELVES | CAR |  |

## Across

1. singular form of elves
2. plural form of thief
3. plural form of $\overline{\text { scarf }}$
4. singular form of wives
5. plural form of fox
6. plural form of turkey

## Down

2. plural form of life
3. plural form of $\overline{\text { shelf }}$
4. plural form of elf
5. plural form of Ioaf
6. singular form of scarves
7. singular form of wolves
8. plural form of ax
9. singular form of cars

Friday - Math

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| ---: |
| +50 |

Draw a line to match each problem with the same answer.

| $35 \div 5=$ | - $18 \div 2=$ | - $54 \div 9=$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $45 \div 9=$ | - $28 \div 7=$ | $4 \div 2$ |
| $32 \div 4=$ | $54 \div 9=$ | $12 \div 3=$ |
| $63 \div 9=$ | - $48 \div 6=$ | - $16 \div 2=$ |
| $45 \div 5=$ | - $36 \div 9=$ | - $45 \div 9=$ |
| $42 \div 7=$ | $10 \div 2=$ |  |

What time is it?


Jane's bedroom is exactly 14 feet by 18 feet. If Jane wants to put a carpet on the floor. how much carpeting is needed?
A) 999 square feet
B) 164 square feet
C) 919 square feet
D) 252 square feet


Directions; You are now our new president of the United States. Draw/illustrate your face onto the oval below. On the following page, write how you will run the country to make it the best it can be. You will be an amazing president!


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& * * * * * * *
\end{aligned}
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## Ms. Martinez



## Activities for Resource Students Only

*Resource students are not limited to only completing these pages, but may complete the other pages and activities within the entire packet. I will be available weekly via Zoom and daily on Class Dojo to help. Please refer to contact information on the first page of the packet to reach me.

## Week 5/11-5/15



## DATH2 Name <br> Warm-Up <br> THE BATHTUB

## Date

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Bill Taft loved to eat. At breakfast, he ate three bowls of oatmeal. At lunch, he ate four peanut butter sandwiches. He ate six apples for snack, and nine cookies. Dinner was the biggest meal of all. Then, Bill ate five pork chops, ten baked potatoes, and a whole apple pie!
Bill Taft became president. He was happy, but he had a problem. He was too fat to fit into the bathtub in the White House. "How will I take a bath?" he asked.
"Maybe you should not eat so much," his wife said.
"But I love to eat!" he cried. "And I have to be clean."
His staff thought and thought. Finally, they said, "We will have to build a special bathtub for you."
They built the biggest bathtub in the world. Four men could fit into it at once-four small men, of course. When Bill got into the tub, he smiled. "Perfect!" he said.


## STORY QUESTIONS

1. The biggest meal of Bill's day is . . .
a. breakfast.
c. lunch.
b. dinner.
d. snack.
2. Why can't Bill fit into the White House bathtub?
a. He is too fat.
c. He is too short.
b. He is too tall.
d. He is too clean.
3. From this story, you can guess that Bill is as big as . .
a. his wife.
c. a president.
b. four men.
d. the White House.
4. Bill is happy because . . .
a. he doesn't like to be clean.
b. he can fit into his special bathtub.
c. he doesn't like to eat.
d. he is dirty.


## GEORGE W. BUSH

George W. Bush was the 43rd president of the United States. He served two terms as president.
He was born on July 6, 1946. His family moved to Texas after he was born. He went to college, and he met Laura. She was a teacher at a school. She worked in a library. He thought she was very pretty. He wanted to ask her to be his wife, and she said, "Yes." They have two girls. Their names are Jenna and Barbara. They are grown up.
While he was president, George Bush lived in the White House. His wife lived there, too. He and Laura had two dogs. One was Barney, and the other was Miss Beazley. They also had one cat. His name was Willie. George liked to go to his ranch in Texas. He liked to cook for the people who worked for him. He knew all their names. George liked to take walks on his ranch or ride in his truck. He liked to spend time with Laura.

It was a hard job to be the president. There were many things to do. There were many choices he had to make every day.


## STORY QUESTIONS

1. How many dogs did George Bush have?
a. 1
b. 5
c. 3
d. 2
2. To whom is George Bush married?
a. Miss Beazley
b. Jenna
c. Laura
d. Barney
3. Antonyms are words that mean the opposite. An antonym for hard is . . .
a. tough.
c. stiff.
b. easy.
d. solid.

## THOMAS JEFFERSON

Did all presidents have to be good speakers? No, they did not. Thomas Jefferson was not good at talking. He did not like speaking in front of a lot of people. He was afraid to speak in front of a crowd. Though he did not speak well, he could write words on paper very well. That is what he did best of all.
Tom was very tall. He had freckles and sandy-colored hair. He was born on April 13, 1743. Tom loved to be out in the woods. He loved to read books. Tom went to private school.
He went to William and Mary College. He went to learn math and science. He went to learn to write and know the laws.

Tom became a lawyer in 1767. He wrote the Declaration of Independence. It said we would be free from England. We would make our own choices.

He was the third president. It was very hard to make the people happy. He tried very hard. There were problems with France.
Some of his ideas were good. Others were bad.
After eight years, he went home and did what he wanted to do.


## STORY QUESTIONS

1. What did Thomas Jefferson write?
a. stories for his children
b. the Declaration of Independence
c. letters to his wife
d. notes in his school classes
2. A synonym is a word that means the same thing. Learn means . . .
a. study.
c. happy.
b. free.
d. wrote.
3. What did Thomas have problems doing?
a. asking for help
b. writing notes in school
c. talking in front of people

## Mr. Wilson, You will be MISSED!

Here are some of________(student's name)
favorite memories from P.E.


