

МЕТОДИЧЕСКАЯ РАЗРАБОТКА ПО ТЕМЕ: «TWO AMERICAN PRESIDENTS». ТЕКСТЫ И ЗАДАНИЯ В ТЕСТОВОЙ ФОРМЕ

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Characteristics of the President¹

Information and facts about any President of America are incomplete without explaining his role and his power in the government of the country. Under the U.S. Constitution the president is the head of state, the commander in chief of the armed forces and is also the chief executive of the federal government.

George Washington

George Washington was the first US President known to all Americans as «The Father of the Nation».

Family background. The son of a prosperous planter, Washington was raised in colonial Virginia. When he was seven, his father died. The family had a lot of land but not enough money to send George to school in England as rich families used to do at that time. He went to a private school and later two private teachers taught him to be a soldier and a Virginian gentleman. He was liked and trusted by everyone.

Career development. George Washington began his career in the service of his country as a major in the Virginia militia and later began commander in chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. He was among those who wrote the US Constitution in Philadelphia. People respected him for his courage, honesty and wisdom.

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Marriage. It is known that in 1759 Washington married Martha Custies, who had two kids by her first marriage, but Washington had no kids of his own.

Being the president. After the Revolutionary War George Washington wanted to retire and live at Mount Vernon where he had a beautiful house and a big plantation. But he knew that his duty was to serve his country. So, on April 30, 1789, Washington became America's first president and served two terms as the first U.S. president, from 1789 to 1797. He declined to run for a third term and in 1797 he retired to Mount Vernon, where he died of a throat infection less than three years after leaving office.

The way to be remembered. The United States has placed likenesses of the Presidents on many types of coins and currency. George Washington has appeared on the twenty-five cent piece or the quarter since 1932.

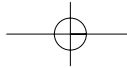
Abraham Lincoln

Another significant president is Abraham Lincoln.

Family background. When he was seven years old, his family moved to Indiana. In 1830, the family moved to Illinois. As a boy, Abraham Lincoln loved books. He always borrowed books from his neighbors. He read them for a short time and then took them back to their owners. He grew very tall. He weighed 180 pounds.

Successful career. Abe Lincoln studied law in his free time. He was also interested in politics. Lincoln became president of the United States in 1861. He was the 16th president of the U.S.

There was a war between the North and the South in the U.S. It was the Civil War. Lincoln called men to fight for the North, which won the war. There were slaves in the South. They worked for no money as they had to. They were not free to do what they wanted. Lincoln set the slaves free in 1863. He let them go so they did not have to be slaves anymore. He also led the country through a great constitutional, military and moral crisis — the American Civil War — preserving the Union, while ending slavery, and promoting economic and financial modernization.



Items in test form.

You are supposed to complete items in test form, where may be 1, 2, 3 or more correct answers. Choose the answer(s) which you think is/are right:

1. THE INFORMATION OF ANY US PRESIDENT IS COMPLETE IF YOU

- 1) know his name
- 2) understand his role in the government
- 3) understand his power in the government
- 4) are aware of his private life

2. ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION THE PRESIDENT IS NOT

- 1) the member of the Senate
- 2) the head of state
- 3) liable to declare war
- 4) the commander in chief of the armed forces
- 5) allowed to stay for three terms
- 6) the chief executive of the federal government

3. THE FIRST US PRESIDENT WAS

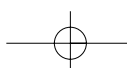
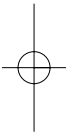
- 1) Abraham Lincoln
- 2) Thomas Jefferson
- 3) John Adams
- 4) George Washington
- 5) Andrew Johnson
- 6) James Monroe

4. GEORGE WASHINGTON IS KNOWN AS

- 1) «the Son of the Country»
- 2) «the Brother of the States»
- 3) «the Father of the Nation»
- 4) «the Friend of all Americans»

5. WHEN WASHINGTON WAS SEVEN HIS FATHER

- 1) fell ill
- 2) married another woman
- 3) left the family
- 4) died



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6. GEORGE WASHINGTON DIDN'T GO TO SCHOOL IN ENGLAND AS

- 1) his family had a lot of land
- 2) there wasn't enough money in the family
- 3) he was too silly to study there
- 4) he loved America too much

7. PEOPLE LIKED AND TRUSTED WASHINGTON BECAUSE HE

- 1) was taught by two private teachers
- 2) went to a private school
- 3) was brought up as a real soldier
- 4) behaved as a real gentleman

8. GEORGE WASHINGTON STARTED HIS CAREER AS A

- 1) soldier
- 2) major
- 3) sergeant
- 4) commander in chief

9. PEOPLE RESPECTED WASHINGTON FOR

- 1) courage
- 2) courage and honesty
- 3) courage, honesty and wisdom
- 4) courage, honesty, wisdom and patience

10. GEORGE WASHINGTON

- 1) never married
- 2) married in 1759
- 3) had two children by his first marriage
- 4) had no kids of his own

11. BEING THE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON DIDN'T

- 1) stay for the third term
- 2) serve two terms
- 3) write the Constitution
- 4) retire to Mount Vernon

12. THE IMAGE OF THE FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT APPEARED ON

- 1) one-dollar bill
- 2) half dollar

- 3) twenty-five cent piece
- 4) one hundred dollar banknote

13. WHEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS SEVEN HIS

- 1) father died
- 2) parents divorced
- 3) family moved to Illinois
- 4) family moved to Indiana

14. BEING A BOY ABRAHAM LINCOLN

- 1) hated reading
- 2) was made to read by his parents
- 3) loved books
- 4) borrowed books from the neighbors
- 5) stole books
- 6) never returned books to their owners

15. WHEN LINKOLN WAS THE PRESIDENT HE

- 1) called men to fight for the North in the Civil War
- 2) didn't take part in the Civil War
- 3) set the slaves free
- 4) led the country through crisis

16. SLAVES IN THE USA

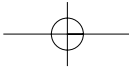
- 1) lived in the South 4) had to obey
- 2) were free 5) worked for no money
- 3) became free in 1863 6) never got freedom

17. ABRAHAM LINCOLN MANAGED TO PROMOTE

- 1) economic modernization
- 2) economic and financial modernization
- 3) economic, financial and military modernization

18. {George Washington, Abraham Lincoln}

- 1) wrote the Constitution in Philadelphia
- 2) was very tall
- 3) took part in the American Revolutionary War
- 4) died of a throat infection



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- 5) weighed 180 pounds
- 6) had a beautiful house at Mount Vernon
- 7) studied law
- 8) was the sixteenth president of the USA
- 9) was the son of a planter
- 10) became the first American President
- 11) took part in the Civil War
- 12) was interested in politics

