

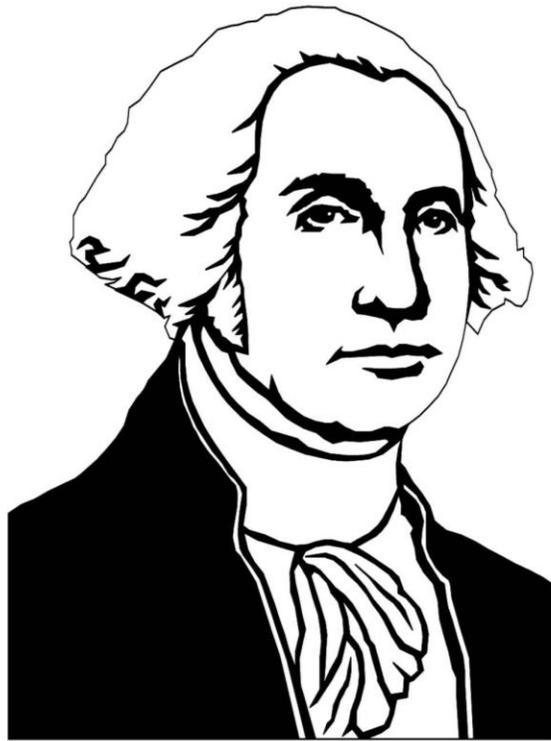
Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is celebrated in February to honor two of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. The holiday is celebrated in the United States on the third Monday in February.

1. Circle Presidents' Day on the calendar below.

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2. Who is honored on Presidents' Day?
3. When is Presidents' Day celebrated?



George Washington

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. When he was born, America was not a nation yet. It belonged to England, a country across the ocean. People in America didn't want to belong to England so they fought a war to become a separate country. George Washington was an American general in the war. America won the war and picked a new name: The United States of America. George Washington was elected to be its first President.

1. When was George Washington born?
2. What was George Washington's job in the war?
3. Who was the first president of the new country?



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809, in a log cabin near Hodgenville, Kentucky. Abraham Lincoln was our 16th President and he is known as "The Great Emancipator."

Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862 giving freedom to slaves held in any state in the confederacy that did not return to the Union by the end of the year. Slavery was not abolished until the 13th Amendment was added to the Constitution on December 18, 1865, after Lincoln's death.

Lincoln had stated when he was a candidate for Senator of Illinois,
*"A house divided against itself cannot stand.
I believe this government cannot endure permanently,
half slave, half free. I do not expect the Union to be
dissolved.
I do not expect the house to fall-but I do expect it will
cease to be divided.
It will become all one thing, or all the other. "*

1. When was Abraham Lincoln born?
2. What did Abraham sign on September 22, 1862?
3. Abraham Lincoln was the _____ President of the United States.