

Presidents' Day

President's Day is an American Holiday that honors important major American presidents. It is an important part of the ESL experience to understand American holidays and American History. This lesson is geared toward Level 3 ESL students and is divided into several parts.

Goals Objectives:

- Students will understand the cultural significance of President's Day as an American holiday.
- Improve speaking, listening and writing skills
- Build confidence in speaking English

Language Skills:

Speaking and Listening:

- Students will participate in class discussions.
- Students will response to questions.

Reading and Writing:

- Students will get information from print-outs.
- Students will follow directions.

Materials:

- Presidents Day Worksheets for each student
- Students need pencils or pens

Procedures:

Part One

Vocabulary:

1. Distribute the attached vocabulary sheet to the students.
2. Teacher uses direct instruction to teach the new vocabulary words to the students.
3. Put students into groups of two, and give each pair a vocabulary word. Have each pair write a sentence using that vocabulary words.
4. Give students time to write their sentences and then let them share the sentences with the class.
5. As a class discuss the sentences and make corrections as needed.

Part Two

Introduction: Presidents Day

1. The Instructor will provide a brief overview of Presidents' Day.
2. Students will view brief video on George Washington.
3. Students will view a brief video on Abraham Lincoln. (See Reference List for suggestions)
4. Students and Instructor will read stories about Presidents' Day, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln (See Handouts)

Activity:

Part Three

1. Students will color pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln (optional).
2. Students will write about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Part Four

1. Review vocabulary taught in Part One of the lesson plan.
2. Talk about any of the vocabulary previously taught or don't understand.

Post-Activity:

Part Five

1. Have the students get into small groups and share their thoughts about democracy in the United States.

Reference Page

<http://sunniebunniezz.com/holiday/presiday.htm>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjeCylpLkY0&playnext=1&list=PLED407F2C1FC618BC>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LI02qv9oRtg&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HdVTcO0N4w&NR=1>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bv6TWHph6sY&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8RGn6dOnYo&feature=related>