

# Presidents' Day Digital Escape Room

## Teacher Instructions

Thank you for your purchase! Your students are going to love solving puzzles in this 360° digital escape room. This activity is designed to work for a laptop, tablet, or smart phone. Students will solve a series of clues based on American history related to U.S. Presidents. Please do not share this link with other educators as it is my copyrighted work and against my terms of licensing. You can purchase additional licenses in my [TpT store](#).

Have your students work independently or in teams! Included in this zip folder are: teacher instructions (with answer keys), student instructions, the master lock graphic organizer, reflection sheet, a Presidents Day Fact Sheet, and printable copies of Clues 1-6 (some students might find it easier to complete the puzzles on paper). While using this resource, you must have a wi-fi connection and the ability to access the following sites: kuula.co and Google Forms (your students do not need a Google account).

The room is a 360 degree panoramic photo, so the clues are all around the digital room. You must click your mouse and hold down the cursor to scan the entire room. Drag the arrow in whichever way you'd like to go. If you are using a smart phone, simply swipe your finger.

No password is required to gain access to the room. If this happens to you, it means your district's firewall is blocking the program and you should contact your IT department.

### PRESIDENTS' DAY Escape Room

#### Suggested Lesson Procedure:

1. Share the directions (PDF) with your students digitally so they may access the link to the escape room. Verbally review your expectations with your students. Put students in groups of 2-3.
2. Set a timer for 40-45 minutes using a classroom timer.
3. Upon entering the room, have your students start by clicking the "LEARN MORE" button (shown below). This will give students some information about Presidents' Day that will help them solve the clues. You may also print out the "Fact Sheet" which is a printable version of the "learn more" button. As students are solving clues, you may suggest to students to use reputable websites to find answers if they are struggling.
4. The 6 clues are labeled by numbers. For every clue students figure out, they must record their answers on their Master Lock graphic organizer (on paper). The master lock (a google form) requires 6 correct answers from all 6 clues and is mandatory for students to "escape." They can find the link to the Master Lock located on the door when they are ready to escape.
5. Once time is up, ask students to fill out a reflection sheet to get their feedback (optional). If you find that most of your students did not finish, you can extend the activity and allow them to continue the next day.





Presidents' Day was originally established to honor the birthday of George Washington, but it has evolved over time to celebrate the contributions of all U.S. presidents. Presidents' Day is celebrated on the third Monday of February each year.

George Washington's birthday, February 22nd, was first recognized as a federal holiday in 1879, making it one of the earliest holidays established in the United States. Washington, as the nation's 1st president and a central figure in the American Revolution, holds a revered place in the hearts of the American people.

In the rich tapestry of American history, several iconic figures and symbols stand out. The 2nd President of the United States was John Adams. He was the first President to actually live in the White House, located in Washington, D.C. The White House stands as a symbol of presidential authority and governance. The bald eagle reigns as America's national emblem, symbolizing freedom and strength. Mount Rushmore stands as an iconic symbol of American patriotism. Mount Rushmore features the sculpted faces of 4 influential American presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.

The presidency has seen its share of triumphs and challenges. Thomas Jefferson served as the 3rd President of the United States. He is best known for writing the Declaration of Independence, which was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Jefferson was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States and played a crucial role in shaping the nation's early development.

Franklin D. Roosevelt holds a singular distinction as the longest-serving president in U.S. history. His leadership during the tumultuous years of the Great Depression and World War II left an indelible mark on the nation.

Abraham Lincoln, America's 16th president, is affectionately known as "Honest Abe." His powerful speeches, like the Gettysburg Address, are a perfect example of how he shared significant American ideas. Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 that declared all enslaved people in Confederate-held territory were to be set free. His efforts led to the abolition of slavery in the U.S.

Other triumphs include Lyndon B. Johnson's signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This prohibited discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. This landmark legislation played a crucial role in advancing civil rights and dismantling segregation in the United States.

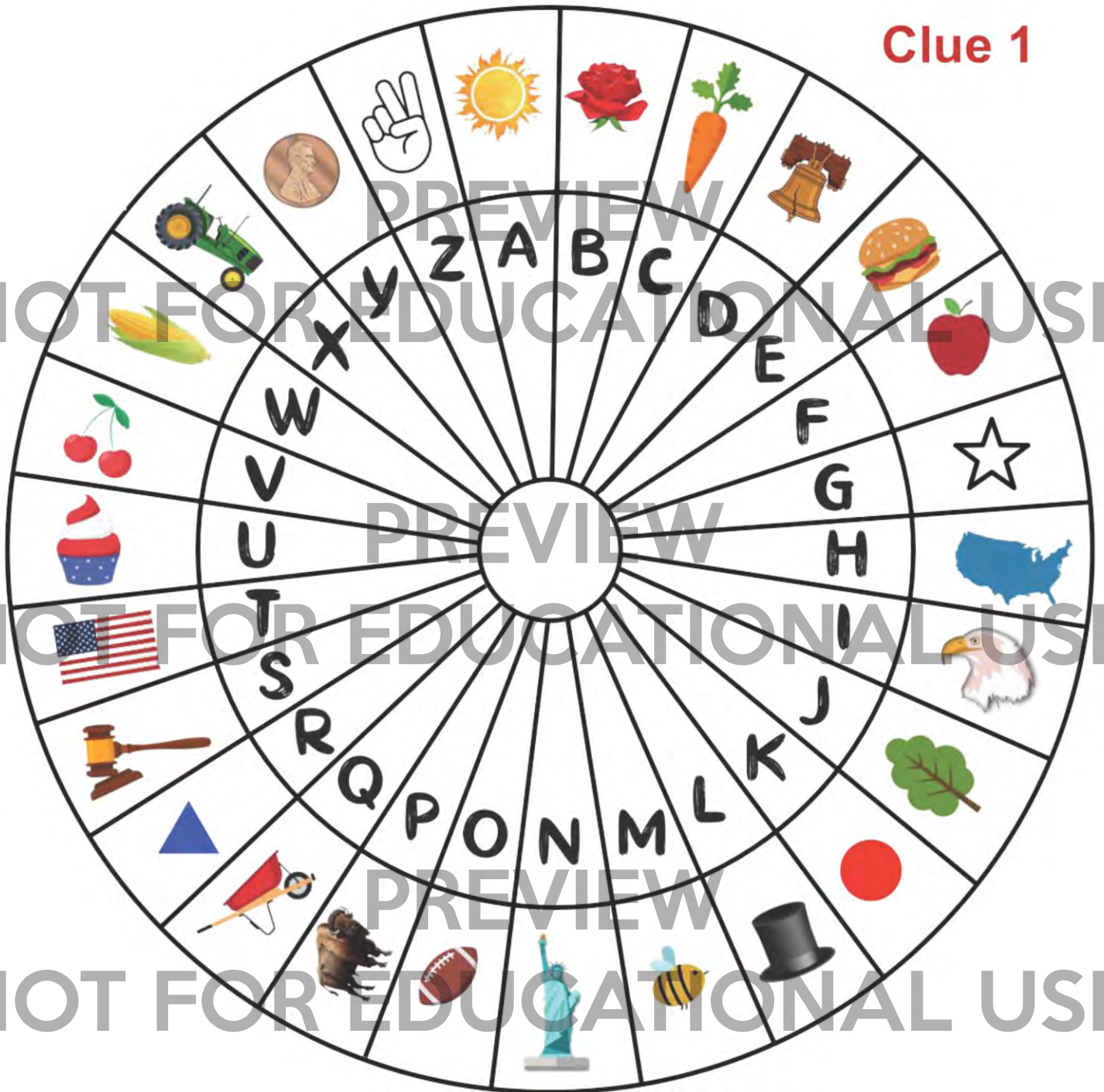
In a testament to the system of checks and balances, President Andrew Johnson became the first U.S. president to be impeached by the House of Representatives, highlighting the responsibility that comes with American democracy.

These diverse facets of American history reflect the values of freedom, democracy, and resilience that continue to define the nation's character.





Clue 1



WHO IS THE



Place the correct missing letters into the diagram to form words reading left to right. Then read the filled in letters from top to bottom to reveal your clue.

Clue 2

WHO IS

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### Clue 3

#### Directions:

- 1) Determine if the statements in each of the boxes below are TRUE or FALSE.
- 2) Add the numbers from the TRUE BOXES ONLY to find their sum. (Example:  $22+8+20+15=65$ )
- 3) The sum is your answer for Clue 3.

Abraham Lincoln's nickname was "Honest Abe." <b>1</b>	James Madison delivered the Gettysburg Address. <b>5</b>
The national symbol of the United States is the ostrich. <b>31</b>	The White House is located in Washington, D.C. <b>40</b>
Thomas Jefferson's face is on the one-dollar bill and the quarter. <b>7</b>	The first president to live in the White House was John Adams. <b>16</b>
George Washington's birthday is February 22nd. <b>2</b>	Presidential elections in the United States are held every 6 years. <b>29</b>

A	2
B	
C	1
D	
E	14
F	22
G	
H	
I	15
J	
K	
L	24
M	
N	
O	
P	25
Q	
R	
S	21
T	
U	
V	
W	
X	
Y	20
Z	

## Clue 4

Each letter corresponds to a number and vice versa.  
Complete the partially finished phrase by guessing the missing letters. As you guess letters correctly, you will find that the puzzle becomes easier and easier.

$\frac{\text{A}}{2}$ 
 $\frac{\text{Y}}{20}$ 
 $\frac{\text{E}}{14}$ 
 $\frac{\text{A}}{2}$

$\frac{\text{A}}{2}$ 
 $\frac{\text{S}}{21}$ 
 $\frac{\text{E}}{14}$

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 $\frac{\text{I}}{15}$ 
 $\frac{\text{A}}{2}$ 
 $\frac{\text{L}}{24}$

$\frac{\text{A}}{2}$ 
 $\frac{\text{F}}{22}$ 
 $\frac{\text{F}}{22}$

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$\frac{\text{E}}{14}$ 
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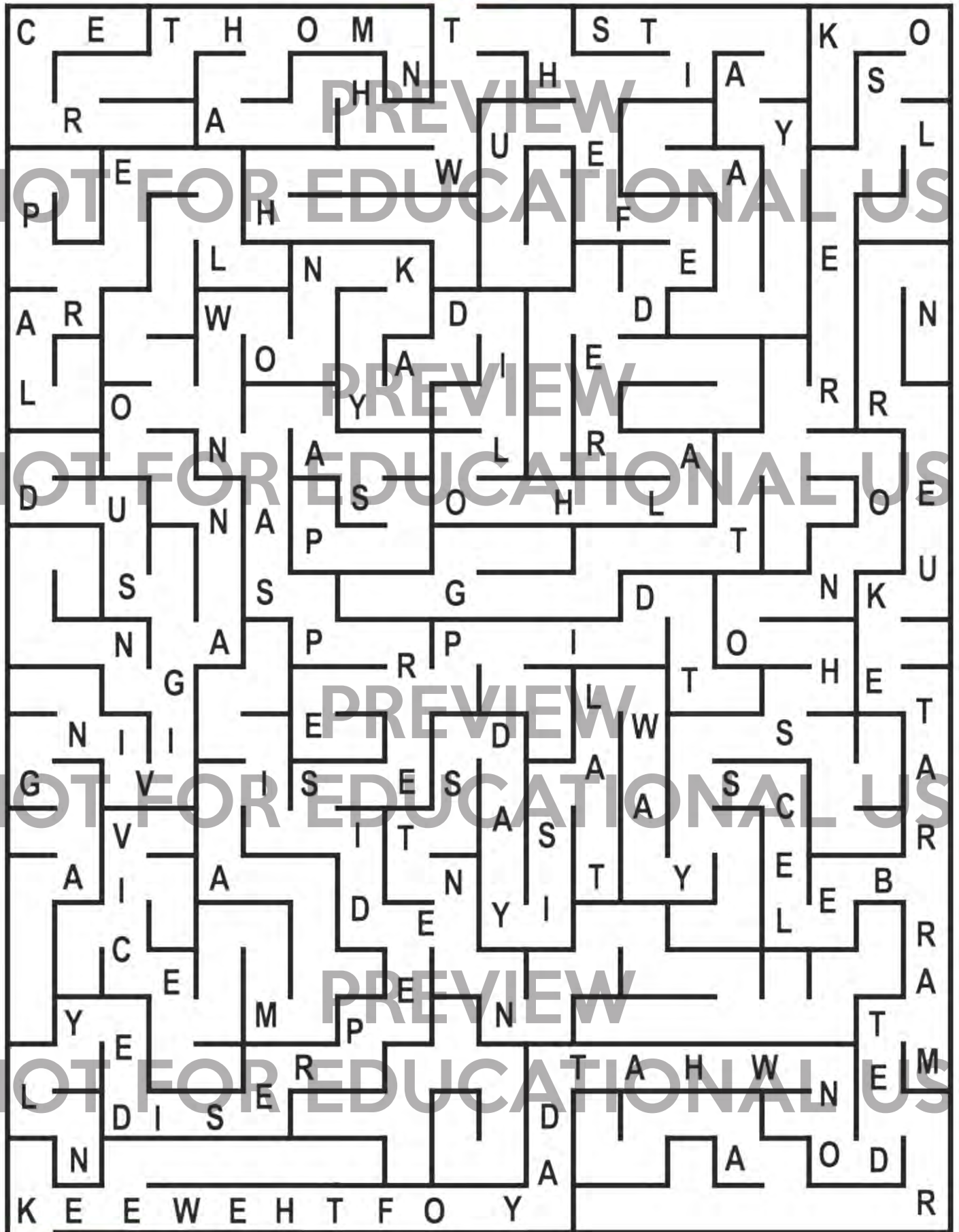
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 $\frac{\text{E}}{14}$ 
 $\frac{\text{C}}{1}$ 
 $\frac{\text{E}}{14}$

$\frac{\text{A}}{2}$ 
 $\frac{\text{P}}{25}$ 
 $\frac{\text{E}}{14}$



### Clue 5

**finish here**



### Presidents' Day Clue #6

1) Which president is NOT part of the Monuments at Mount Rushmore?

- a) George Washington
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- c) Theodore Roosevelt
- d) Herbert Hoover
- e) Abraham Lincoln

2) Of the following, who has never served as a U.S. President?

- a) Benjamin Franklin
- b) Lyndon B. Johnson
- c) Barack Obama
- d) John Adams

3) Who serves as the second highest-ranking official in the executive branch of the United States government?

- a) Secretary of Defense
- b) Supreme Court Justice
- c) Vice President
- d) Secretary of State

4) What is the iconic workspace within the White House where the President of the United States conducts official duties, meetings, and ceremonies?

- a) Diamond office
- b) Oval office
- c) Circle office
- d) Hexagon office

5) Who was the 17th U.S. President and the first president to be impeached?

- a) Harry S. Truman
- b) James K. Polk
- c) Ronald Reagan
- d) Andrew Johnson

6) Which President signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law, prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, or national origin?

- a) Lyndon B. Johnson
- b) Richard Nixon
- c) Jimmy Carter
- d) John F. Kennedy





# The Master Lock



Clue Number	Answers
Clue #1	
Clue #2	
Clue #3	
Clue #4	
Clue #5	
Clue #6	

## Master Lock

On the door is a picture of a lock. This is the link to the Master Lock. This is where students will find the google form to escape. They will type in all their answers from clues 1-6. If they are correct, they will get the screen that says "Congratulations!"



## Presidents' Day Master Lock

CONGRATULATIONS!!! You've escaped!!!

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