

# The Top Ten Things You Never Knew about the Presidents!

*Project Description: You will be doing research about the president you have been assigned today (Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>) from the five choices you turned in. (If you didn't turn in choices as assigned, you lost assignment points for the class and I picked your president for you.) You are looking for the ten most interesting facts you can find (especially ones you think most people will never have heard about before). You will be presenting these in list form, using the guidelines explained below.*

## Requirements:

- I. Your finished project will be done on 12" by 18" construction paper from our classroom, in the color of your choice. It may be organized vertically or horizontally, and all reports will be displayed in the third floor hallway.
- II. The following items must be included:
  - 1) The president's name and years he served
  - 2) 10 numbered facts (each in one to three complete sentences) of interest about your president. These can be typed or handwritten, in print or in cursive. If handwritten, they must be done in pen (any color is fine).
  - 3) A picture of your president. This may be a computer printout, a copy from a book, a tracing, or your own drawing. If you choose to do your own drawing (not a tracing), you may receive up to 5 extra credit points.
  - 4) Extra decorating that will add appeal to your finished project. Remember; you want your project to be able to be seen from far away.
- III. This project is due on Tuesday, February 19 (the day after our Presidents' Day free day). If you have it done before that, you are welcome to turn it in early. The construction paper will be available for you to choose and take home at any time beginning now.

**\*Another way to earn extra credit for this project is to dress up like your president when you share your report with your class. You can wear your costume to school, and you will be given time to change into your uniform before lunch. If you choose to dress up, you will receive up to 5 extra credit points.**

*For this project, I do not want the usual facts like date and place of birth, number of brothers and sisters, name of father and mother, place where he attended college, etc. I want you to list the 10 most interesting facts you found out about the president you researched.*

**Here is the grading scale I will use to grade your projects:**

<b><u>Interesting</u> (not the usual) facts</b> (10) x 2 points each =	<b>/20 points</b>
<b>Required details</b> (name, years served, 10 numbered facts, picture)	<b>/20 points</b>
<b>Originality in presentation</b> (extras, decorations, etc.)	<b>/20 points</b>
<b>Neatness</b>	<b>/20 points</b>
<b>Correct grammar, punctuation, spelling</b>	<b>/20 points</b>
+ Extra Credit-your own drawing of the president = up to	<b>/ 5 points</b>
+ Extra Credit-dressing up like your president on Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>/ 5 points</u></b>
<b><u>Final Assignment Grade</u></b>	<b><u>/100 points</u></b>

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*Parents: I know that one of the most frustrating parts of being the parents of a student is having that student tell us about a long-term project a day or two before it is due. This research project will be enjoyable if it is done a little at a time and is planned out well. Because of both of those details, I am sending this acknowledgement to be sure you know ahead of time about this long-term assignment. Please sign this slip and return it by Friday, February 8. Your son or daughter is receiving a 5-point assignment grade for turning this acknowledgement in by then. A copy of this assignment is also available on the St. Wendelin website.*

**Parents' Acknowledgement of Assignment**

I have seen my child's assignment paper (given to the students on Wednesday, February 6). I understand that while they will be given one class period to look up facts in the school library, and they will be given part of one more class period next week to read and conduct research about their president, the final copy of their work is to be done at home. I am aware that this assignment is due on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. I am also aware that my son or daughter can earn extra credit by drawing a picture of the president and/or dressing up like him on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Student's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_