



Presidential Timeline: The Legacy of our Leadership

" Democracy is becoming rather than being. It can easily be lost, but is never fully won. Its essence is eternal struggle." Unknown

As we study the foundations of our government it is important to recognize how and why our democracy has changed over time. It is this very adaptability which has allowed our Constitution to become the oldest living constitution in the world today.

In any true democracy, the will of the people should be expressed by the leaders. So let's take a closer look at our leaders and find out how they have led our country through times of struggle and change.

Objective: Research one of our Presidents and find out his personal history and his impact on our democracy and create a piece of our Presidential Timeline.

Requirements: use your textbook, encyclopedias, biographies, and the internet to do your research and find out the following information:

- Name of President and Vice President
- Dates in office and number in order of presidents (1-43)
- Life span (Birth year and date, death year and date)
- Personal history (where were they born? Where did they live? What was their occupation? Hobbies/interests? Etc.)
- Political Party
- Legacy (effect on the presidency or government – What were they remembered for? What were their accomplishments or failures?)
- Trivia (give us interesting little known facts! – Inquiring minds want to know!)
- Include a drawing, a photo, or other artwork! Make it pretty – use color and creativity (remember if it goes up on the wall you get extra credit!)

★ **You may not print this project from the computer. You must do original work.** The only exception is that you may print a photo of your assigned President and glue it on your mini-poster.