

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTS



**Full, beautiful PPTx introducing each President.
Video access. Quiz. Research A President
Template. If I Were President Survey - Discussion.**



ELT BUZZ



Name: _____

THE STORY OF _____

Research A President

In the boxes below, share your story! What important events have happened in this person's life? Research and then present the information to the class.



The form consists of several overlapping rectangular boxes, each with a label and a large empty space for writing. The labels are: "Personal Information", "Family Life", "Major Accomplishments", "3 Interesting Facts", "Early Life", "Famous Quote", and "What Their Life Teaches Us". The boxes are decorated with various colorful elements: stars, lightning bolts, and confetti. The overall design is playful and encourages creative presentation of research.

Personal Information

Family Life

Major Accomplishments

3 Interesting Facts

Early Life

Famous Quote

What Their Life Teaches Us

A U.S. President



1. What is your president's name? Out of our 45 Presidents which number is he? What years did he serve in office?
2. What political party was he affiliated with?
3. What was your President's family like? Did he have children?
4. Did the President have a nickname? Pets?
5. What did he do before he became President?
6. Who ran against the President during their run for the Presidency?
7. Who was the President's Vice President? Other cabinet members?
8. How much was the salary of the President while in office?
9. When was the President born?
10. How old was the President when he was elected?
11. List 3 things that happened in the U.S. during his Presidency?
12. What did he do after he completed his term(s) in office?
13. List 3 important events that this President was associated with?
14. List 5 other things you found during your research about the President.

U.S. Presidents

Summary:

Picture:

Political Life:

Family Life:

Major Accomplishments:

3 Interesting Facts:

IF WERE PRESIDENT

Instructions:

- Look at the topics in bold below. Make sure you know what they mean.
- Think about each issue and circle the option that you would choose if you were president of your country.
- Compare your answers with a partner and discuss.

1. **Guns** - *If I were president, I would...*

- allow everyone to own a gun.
- allow all adults without a criminal record to own a gun.
- only allow people who go hunting to own a gun.
- ban guns completely.



2. **Education** - *If I were president, I'd...*

- make everyone pay the full cost of their education.
- make the rich pay more than the poor for their education.
- make education free for those who cannot afford to pay for it.
- make education free for everyone.

3. **Fast Food** - *If I was president, I would...*

- not make any laws about food.
- limit the amount of fast food that children can eat.
- make fast food more expensive by increasing tax on it.
- ban all fast food.



4. **Recycling** - *If I was president, I'd...*

- make no laws about recycling.
- offer recycling options for people that want to do it.
- make everyone recycle their plastic.
- ban all unnecessary plastic, such as plastic bags and straws.

5. War - *If I were president, I would...*

- a. start wars with other countries to increase the power or wealth of my country.
- b. go to war if my country is threatened by another country.
- c. only go to war if my country is attacked or invaded.
- d. never go to war with another country.

6. Healthcare - *If I were president, I'd...*

- a. make people pay for the full cost of their healthcare.
- b. make everyone buy health insurance.
- c. provide free healthcare to the people who cannot afford to pay for it.
- d. provide free healthcare to everyone in the country.



7. Tax - *If I was president, I would...*

- a. not tax anyone.
- b. tax big companies, but not tax the public.
- c. tax everyone the same.
- d. tax the rich in society more and the poor in society less.

8. Pollution - *If I were president, I'd...*

- a. make no laws about pollution.
- b. limit pollution to a level I think is acceptable.
- c. reduce the use of fossil fuels and invest money in renewable energy.
- d. ban the use of all harmful fossil fuels and other pollutants.



9. Immigration - *If I was president, I would...*

- a. not allow anyone at all to come and live in my country.
- b. only allow a very few people with special skills to come and live in my country.
- c. allow asylum seekers and/or people who have required job skills live in my country.
- d. allow anyone and everyone to come and live in my country.

10. Alcohol and Cigarettes - *If I was president, I'd...*

- a. allow the sale of cigarettes and alcohol at cheap prices.
- b. allow the sale of cigarettes and alcohol, but tax them very highly.
- c. ban cigarettes but allow alcohol.
- d. ban the sale of all alcohol and cigarettes.

Name

If I Were President

Presidents have many decisions to make! Imagine that you have been elected President. What would you do? Draw and write your ideas.

Who my Vice President would be	Who would live with me in the White House
President _____ (your name)	
What my pet would be	How I would help people

DO YOU WANT TO BE PRESIDENT?

The Seal of the United States of America, featuring an eagle with wings spread, holding an olive branch and arrows, with a shield on its chest and stars above its head.

If I were elected President, the three things I would do to make the United States a better place for all Americans are

Bonus: Share your writing with your classmates.
Talk about what kids can do to help our country.

Presidents Quiz

- First president to hold a press conference on television (**John F. Kennedy**)
- Only president to be unanimously elected by the Electoral College
(**George Washington**)
- Only president to be elected four times (**Franklin D. Roosevelt**)
- Smallest president at 5' 4" tall and about 100 lbs (**James Madison**)
- President who got stuck in the White House bathtub (**William H. Taft**)
- Shortest-serving president at 32 days in office (**William Henry Harrison**)
- First president to be born in a hospital (**Jimmy Carter**)
- President who could read and write in six languages (**Thomas Jefferson**)
- This president could write with both hands, at the same time, in different languages (**James A. Garfield**)
- Failed as a storekeeper, farmer, and businessman, and lost his first bid for the U.S. Senate (**Abraham Lincoln**)



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