

Your Presidential Timeline Activity

Teacher Instructions

You will need

- **Your Presidential Timeline** worksheet for each student
- **Presidential Timeline: More to Explore** worksheet for each student (optional)
- **The 20th and 21st Century Presidents Timeline** (display or print a hardcopy for each student)
- **Display Slides**

Preparing for the Activity

- Review with students that presidents officially take office on their inauguration, not on the day they are elected.
- Use the **Display Slides** to discuss when presidents were inaugurated.
- Review timeline skills with students.

Activity: Your Presidential Timeline

- Display the timeline for students or distribute printed copies.
- Distribute and assign **Your Presidential Timeline** worksheet and optional **Presidential Timeline: More to Explore** worksheet to each student.
- After answering the questions, have students share some of the facts they found most interesting and any things that the activity made them wonder about. Encourage students to do further research or have family members complete the activity to compare their personal histories.

Things to consider

- Ask fellow teachers, students in other grades, or even family members of students to complete their own copies of the **Your Presidential Timeline** worksheet. Then, use their answers to discuss what the students found interesting about other people's answers and how personal histories differ.
- An answer sheet for this activity's worksheet has been provided.