

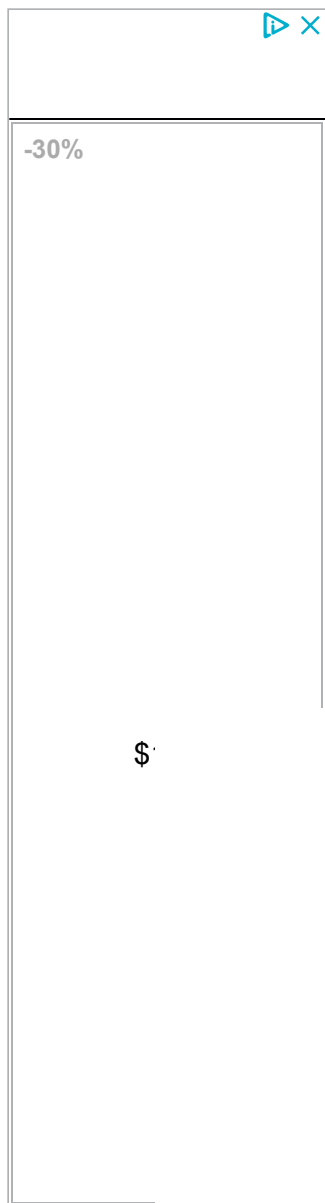
Presidents Day

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ELL Discussion Topics for Presidents Day

- What are the duties of the U.S. President?
- What challenges does the U.S. President face?
- How does one become President of the United States of America?
- Who is the current U.S. President? Who is the Vice-President?
- What is the longest period of time that any one individual may serve as U.S. President? Why do you think terms in offices might be limited?
- Do you think it's a good idea to limit the length of time one individual may serve as President? Why or why not?
- Would you want to be President? Why or why not?
- Why do you think Americans have chosen to remember the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, but not necessarily all other Presidents?
- Are you a U.S. citizen? If not, who leads your country? How are his/her powers similar to those of the U.S. president? How are they



different?

- What form of government does your native country have? How is it similar to U.S. government? How is it different?
- Which single U.S. president is or was the greatest? Why?
- What character qualities does a president need to have? Which of these qualities do you believe is most important? Explain your answer.
- By law, any candidate for the U.S. presidency must be at least 35 years old. Why do you think this is?
- At various times throughout U.S. history, scandals have brought disgrace to the office of the president. One lesson that might be learned through these scandals is that no person is perfect. Every hero has his or her faults. But many would say that a leader, particularly one who holds the highest office in the United States, should be above some behaviors. What do you think? Are there certain actions which should disqualify one from leadership? If so, what are they? If not, how would you respond to someone who said there were?
- If you were President, what steps would you take to improve the lives of ordinary citizens?

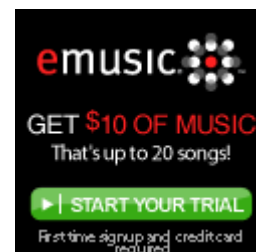
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