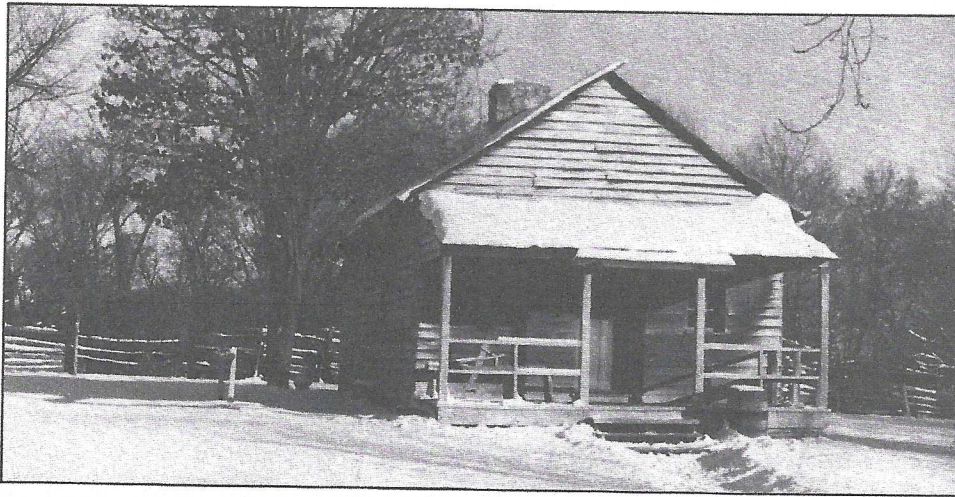
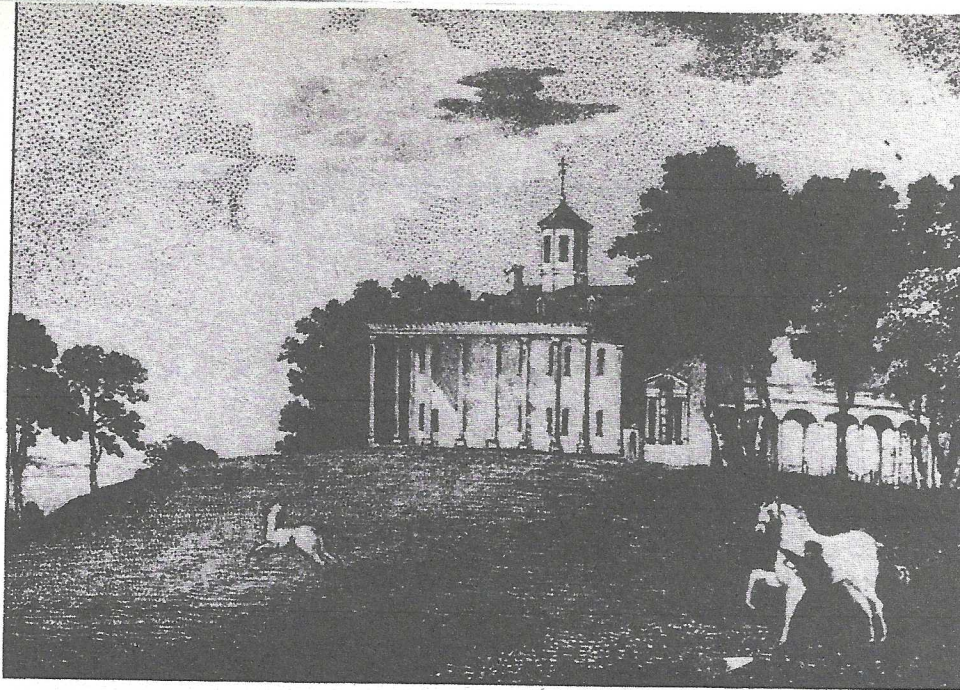


# 4



## BEFORE YOU READ

Talk about these photographs. Guess the answers to the questions below. Write your guesses on the lines.

1. How old are these houses? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Were the people in the houses rich or poor? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Who lived in these houses? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Now turn the  
page and read.

# Presidents' Day

The third Monday in February is Presidents' Day. On this day, Americans remember two important Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, in Virginia. He came from a rich family. His family home, Mount Vernon, is the house in the top picture. During the Revolutionary War (1775–1783), Washington helped the 13 colonies become free from England. After the war, Washington helped write the Constitution, the law for the new country.

In 1789, George Washington became the first President of the United States. He was President for eight years. In 1797, he retired. He went back to Mount Vernon and died there in 1799.

Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky on February 12, 1809. His family was poor. Lincoln did not go to school very often, but he learned to read and write. When he was 22, his family moved to Illinois. Here he worked and lived in a store. This store is in the bottom picture. Lincoln became a lawyer and later a congressman. In 1861, he became the sixteenth President.

Lincoln was President for four very difficult years. The northern states fought the southern states in the Civil War. The South wanted slavery. The North did not believe in owning people. Lincoln freed many slaves in 1864. The Civil War ended on April 9, 1865. Five days later, a man from the South assassinated Lincoln. He shot and killed Lincoln in Washington, D.C.

Americans honor these two Presidents in many ways. Some U.S. money has pictures of Washington or Lincoln on it. Many cities, schools, and streets have the names Washington or Lincoln. George Washington is the only President with a state named after him! Many people visit the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. There is a picture of the Lincoln Memorial on page 28. People also visit Mount Vernon in Virginia and Lincoln's homes in Illinois. In 1971, Presidents' Day became a national holiday.

## UNDERSTANDING NEW WORDS

Take turns reading these sentences with a partner. Does **a**, **b**, or **c** mean the same as the underlined word? Decide with your partner. Circle **a**, **b**, or **c**.

1. George Washington was President for eight years. In 1797, he retired.
  - a. returned to work
  - b. stopped working
  - c. looked for a new job
  
2. George Washington went back to Mount Vernon and died there in 1799.
  - a. left
  - b. sold
  - c. returned to
  
3. The northern states fought the southern states in the Civil War.
  - a. were at war with
  - b. bought
  - c. liked
  
4. The South wanted slavery. The North did not believe in it.
  - a. to shoot people
  - b. to hire people
  - c. to own people
  
5. Five days after the Civil War ended, a man from the South assassinated Lincoln in Washington, D.C.
  - a. visited
  - b. killed
  - c. injured
  
6. George Washington is the only President with a state named after him.
  - a. with his name
  - b. with his picture
  - c. without a name

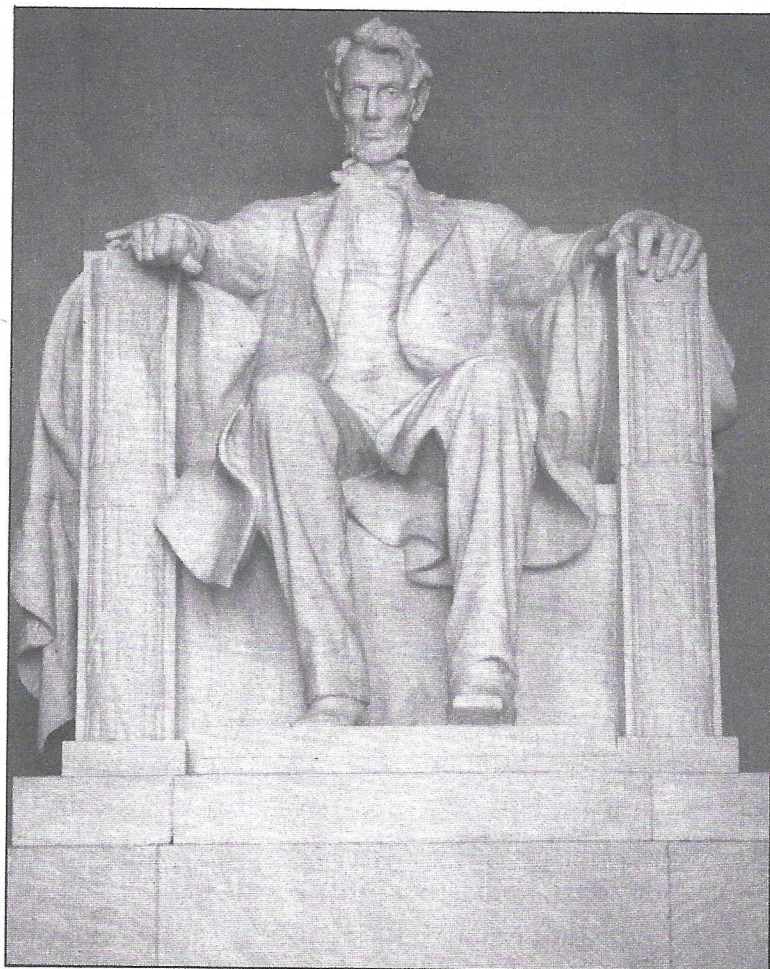
## UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU READ

### *When Is the Holiday?*

Fill in the year. Then write the dates for February. Circle Presidents' Day.

February 19 \_\_\_\_

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.



The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

### **Washington or Lincoln?**

Take turns reading these sentences with a partner. Is each sentence about George Washington or about Abraham Lincoln? Decide with your partner. Put an X under WASHINGTON or LINCOLN.

	WASHINGTON	LINCOLN
1. His birthday is February 22.	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
2. He was the sixteenth President.	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
3. He freed the slaves.	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
4. A man assassinated him.	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
5. He lived at Mount Vernon.	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
6. His birthday is February 12.	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
7. He fought in the Revolutionary War.	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
8. He was a lawyer.	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
9. He was President for eight years.	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
10. He was the first President of the United States.	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

### **Understanding Time Order**

Read these sentences with a partner. Decide together what happened first, second, third, and so on. Put the sentences in order from 1 to 8.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln freed many slaves.

  1   Washington helped the colonies during the Revolutionary War.

\_\_\_\_\_ Washington died at Mount Vernon.

\_\_\_\_\_ Presidents' Day became a national holiday.

\_\_\_\_\_ Washington became the first President.

\_\_\_\_\_ A man assassinated Lincoln in Washington, D.C.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln was born in Kentucky.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln became a lawyer.

### **BEFORE YOU CONTINUE**

- Look at your guesses on page 25. Were you right?
- Now fill in Presidents' Day on the Holiday Chart on page 153.



### TALK ABOUT IT

This chart is about the two buildings on page 25. Your chart is missing the information about the Lincoln-Berry store in New Salem Village. Ask your partner questions and write the missing information in the chart. *Do not* look at your partner's book.

Mount Vernon    Lincoln-Berry Store

What President lived here?	George Washington	
When did the President live here?	1754–1788 1797–1799	
Where is this building?	Alexandria, Virginia	
When was it built?	1735	
How many people visit each year?	about 1,000,000	
What days is it open?	every day	
What time is it open?	summer hours: 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.	
How much does it cost to visit?	ages 12–62 \$5.00	
Is there a museum?	yes	
Is there a gift shop?	yes	
Is there a restaurant?	yes	

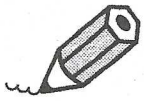


**TALK ABOUT IT**

This chart is about the two buildings on page 25. Your chart is missing the information about Mount Vernon. Ask your partner questions and write the missing information in the chart. *Do not* look at your partner's book.

	Mount Vernon	Lincoln-Berry Store
What President lived here?		Abraham Lincoln
When did the President live here?		1833-1837
Where is this building?		Petersburg, Illinois
When was it built?		1831
How many people visit each year?		about 570,000
What days is it open?		every day except New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Christmas
What time is it open?		summer hours: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
How much does it cost to visit?		free
Is there a museum?		yes
Is there a gift shop?		yes
Is there a restaurant?		yes





## WRITE

Write three sentences about George Washington. Look back at the story if you need help.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

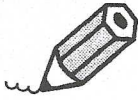
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Write three sentences about Abraham Lincoln. Look back at the story if you need help.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_



## WRITE

Now write five sentences about another political leader. Choose a leader from your native country or from the United States. Then share your sentences with the class.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_