

Abraham Lincoln

Directions: Read the passage. Answer the main idea questions below each passage.

The Lincoln Memorial is located in Washington D.C. The building is about the size of a football field and is made of white marble. A gigantic statue of Abraham Lincoln sits inside the building. The statue is nineteen feet tall. His two most famous speeches- the Gettysburg Address and his second Inaugural address- are carved into the walls of the structure. The Lincoln Memorial is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and it is free to anyone who wants to visit the famous statue of America's sixteenth president of the United States of America.

1. Which of the following sentences best states the main idea of the passage?
 - A. Abraham Lincoln was one of the greatest presidents of all time.
 - B. The Lincoln Memorial is open every day.
 - C. The Lincoln Memorial is a large statue built for Americans to visit and remember Abraham Lincoln.
 - D. The Gettysburg Address was an important speech made by Abraham Lincoln.

2. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?
 - A. Abraham Lincoln
 - B. Presidential Statues in Washington D.C.
 - C. The Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln
 - D. The Lincoln Memorial



George Washington

Directions: Read the passage. Answer the main idea questions below each passage.

George Washington, America's first president, is honored in numerous ways. His image is seen on a daily basis, whenever Americans pay for something with a dollar bill or a quarter! America's capital city is named after our first president. In 1889, America's forty-second state, the state of Washington, was named after him, as well. At least twenty-three cities, seven mountains, and hundreds of schools across the United States also bear his name. Clearly, George Washington will always be remembered as one of America's most beloved presidents.

1. Which of the following sentences best states the main idea of the passage?
 - A. George Washington was America's first president.
 - B. Americans have honored George Washington in many ways.
 - C. Washington D.C. is named after George Washington.
 - D. George Washington's image is on the dollar bill and quarter.

2. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?
 - A. George Washington
 - B. How Washington D.C. Was Named
 - C. A Beloved President
 - D. Ways that America Honors George Washington



Franklin D. Roosevelt

Directions: Read the passage. Answer the main idea questions below each passage.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt served as president longer than any other president in American history. He was elected to four consecutive terms as U.S. president. Previous presidents had served for two terms, or eight years. However, when his second term was approaching an end, Franklin D. Roosevelt decided to run for a third term. He knew that America was on the brink of joining the Second World War, and he wanted to do more to end the Great Depression. America showed their appreciation for him by reelecting him. By the end of that third term, Roosevelt was tired and was dealing with health problems. However, he still had big plans for the country's future. He ran for a fourth term in 1944 and won again! Sadly, he did not see the end of that term; he died in 1945.

1. Which of the following sentences best states the main idea of the passage?
 - A. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the president during the Second World War.
 - B. Franklin D. Roosevelt died while he was serving as President of the United States.
 - C. Franklin D. Roosevelt was president longer than any other U.S. president.
 - D. Franklin D. Roosevelt helped America through World War II and the Great Depression.

2. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?
 - A. The Longest Serving American President
 - B. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Great Depression
 - C. World War II
 - D. A Sad Ending to a Great Presidency



Theodore Roosevelt

Directions: Read the passage. Answer the main idea questions below each passage.

Theodore Roosevelt loved nature. As a result, he managed to set aside over 230 million acres of public land during his presidency. As a result, Americans will always have areas of natural beauty to visit and enjoy. Roosevelt believed that the nation's wilderness regions helped shape American values, culture, and behavior. He carved out five national parks and fifty-one national wildlife refuges. He created sixteen national monuments, including Niagara Falls and the Grand Canyon. He established various national forests. Theodore Roosevelt's actions to care for America's environment will continue to impact all future generations of Americans.

1. Which of the following sentences best states the main idea of the passage?
 - A. Theodore Roosevelt will be remembered for protecting America's lands for future generations.
 - B. Theodore Roosevelt loved the Grand Canyon.
 - C. 230 million acres of land in the United States are part of the national park system.
 - D. Theodore Roosevelt appreciated nature.

2. Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?
 - A. Theodore Roosevelt and the Grand Canyon
 - B. Nature in the United States
 - C. Niagara Falls and the Grand Canyon
 - D. Theodore Roosevelt: His Gift to America

