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About Presidents Day

Presidents Day is a special holiday in the United States that we celebrate every year on the third Monday in February. This day is all about remembering and honoring all the people who have served as President of the United States. These are the people who have led our country and made important decisions that shape our lives.

The history of Presidents Day goes back to the 1800s. At first, there were two separate holidays for two very famous presidents. February 12 was a day to remember Abraham Lincoln, who was president during the Civil War and worked hard to end slavery. February 22 was a day to remember George Washington, the very first president of the United States.

In the late 1960s, the United States decided to combine these two holidays into one. They picked a day in the middle of the month and named it Presidents Day. This change officially took place in 1971. Now, Presidents Day is a time to honor all the presidents, not just Lincoln and Washington.

So, how do we celebrate Presidents Day? Many people get the day off from work or school. Some communities have parades or hold special events where people can learn more about the presidents and their contributions to the country. In school, you might have lessons or activities about the presidents.

One fun tradition on Presidents Day is the reading of the famous "I cannot tell a lie" story. This is a tale about young George Washington who, when asked by his father, confessed to chopping down a cherry tree because he couldn't lie. Even though this story might not be true, it's a way to remember the honesty and integrity that we value in our leaders.

Presidents Day is an important day for us to reflect on our nation's history and to appreciate the leaders who have shaped it.



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Reading Comprehension Questions

1. When do we celebrate Presidents Day?
2. What is the purpose of Presidents Day?
3. Which two presidents were originally celebrated separately in February?
4. How do people often celebrate Presidents Day?
5. What is the story often told on Presidents Day about young George Washington?

