

American Government /Civics
The Executive Branch

Name: _____

Date: _____

Search through history and choose a president who fascinates you. Then collect some research (remember, using at least three different sites), answering the questions below.

Name of President: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Where: _____

Date of Death: (if applicable) _____ Where: _____

Occupations held before or after the presidency:

Was the person an elected official prior to becoming President? If so, which position/s?

Which political party did the President represent? _____

Which issues were particularly important to the President?

Were there special interest groups that backed the President, either going forward to his election, or continuously as he served? List them here:

How did he become President? What are the details behind his election? Were there any struggles or major successes along the way? Be specific and tell the story of how he reached the seat of US President.

What are some characteristics a President must possess to serve? What are some of the "rules" set forth by the Constitution?

Do you agree or disagree with these aspects? Explain your answer.

Discuss what happened during the Presidency. Were there any earth-shaking events such as war or natural disasters? Were there any scandals? What kind of legislature was passed during this President's time in office (laws, amendments, trade bills or tariffs, etc)? In short, for what is this President known?

Why did you choose to research this President? Is there anything that surprised you about the President that you did not know before? Explain.

Websites used: (a minimum of three!)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

*** Please be ready to share your information with the class. This will not be a formal presentation, but we are relying on you to paint the picture of the President you have chosen. Also, as a note to the class....please try to vary your choices so that no one else in the class is reporting on the same President. ***