

3rd and 4th Grade Lesson 2: Our Past Presidents

Intro

- Have a class discussion about what a president does
- Make a list of the “pros and cons” of being president
- List any “famous” things presidents have done and if students know what some presidents are known for (i.e. Lincoln freeing the slaves)

Listen and Respond

- Divide students into 3 groups
- Listen

Group 1 (below)	Group 2 (average)	Group 3 (above)
Abraham Lincoln by Christi E. Parker	Thomas Jefferson by Jill K. Mulhall	Ulysses S. Grant by Wendy Conklin

- Each student should fill out the **Character Trait Web** found in the Materials and Resources section
- Groups should combine their individual character traits and make one large poster-sized document about their president

Wrap-up

- Each group should share their poster with the class. The class can have a rubric to rate each group on how well they present the information

Find more (quick) information about past presidents at:

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/timeline-guide-us-presidents>