



THE WHITE HOUSE  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

**CLASSROOM | K-3 Activities : “Every Day is President’s Day at the White House”**

**1. Think About it: One Person, One Vote**

The United States is a democracy. This means that United States citizens have a very important power: the power to vote. When citizens vote for president, governor, Congressman, or mayor, they expect that person to work hard to make their community a better place to live in. The person who wins, or is elected, is called a public servant because they serve the public. Public servants make many important decisions for us. They can change the lives of many people in their community. If you were a public servant and could make a law that would help others, what law would you make? Remember that the law you make should help as many people as possible. Write the law and sign your name on it.



## ***2. My Oval Office***

Americans have voted for president of the United States and YOU are the winner! Now you have to think about picking the things you will need for your office. Fill out the list below. Then draw a picture of your Oval Office with the items from your list. To give you some ideas, you can look at the photographs below. Don't forget that every president has the American flag and the Presidential flag behind the desk.



*Pick a painting of your favorite president. Who would it be?*

*What is on your desk?*

*Pick one or two important books. Write the titles.*

*What furniture do you need?*

*How do you talk to people across the country? Telephone? E-mail?*

*Do you have special things that you bring from your home?*

*What if you get hungry while you are working?*

*Who meets with you in your Oval Office?*



### **3. Quiz ... “Make Up Your Mind”**

Presidents make decisions that will change the lives of many Americans. You have read about some presidents and their decisions. You have also read about the president’s White House office. Take this quiz and test yourself.

**1. President Thomas Jefferson decided to purchase this land for the United States:**

- a. New York
- b. Canada
- c. Louisiana Territory

**2. What kind of pet did Thomas Jefferson have in his White House office?**

- a. Dog
- b. Snake
- c. Mockingbird

**3. President Abraham Lincoln signed this important document.**

- a. Declaration of Independence
- b. Emancipation Proclamation
- c. Constitution

**4. On what day did Lincoln sign this important document?**

- a. The Fourth of July
- b. New Year’s Day
- c. Presidents’ Day

**5. What did President Woodrow Wilson grow in his White House garden?**

- a. Apple trees
- b. Vegetables
- c. Roses

**6. What did President Wilson do with the White House sheep’s wool during WWI**

- a. His wife made him a sweater.
- b. He sold it and gave the money to hospitals for soldiers.
- c. He gave it to poor people in Washington, D.C.

**7. Which president spoke to the astronauts while they were on the moon?**

- a. Richard Nixon
- b. John Kennedy
- c. Bill Clinton

**8. Which spacecraft landed on the moon?**

- a. Voyager
- b. Apollo
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