

# Presidents Day

## What is Presidents Day?

- Presidents Day can also be written as President's Day or Presidents' Day. Presidents Day started as a holiday to celebrate George Washington's birthday on February 22 but was changed to the third Monday in February in 1971.
- Presidents Day is a federal holiday, so federal offices, schools, post offices, and many banks are closed. Although it is a federal holiday, almost all private businesses and stores are open. Over time, the holiday has expanded to honor Abraham Lincoln, and it is gradually starting to include all of the U.S. Presidents.
- In the middle of February, grade schools have assemblies, concerts, and plays about Presidents Washington and Lincoln. Some stores have special Presidents Day sales and many towns have patriotic parades or assemblies.

Questions	Answers
<b>When is Presidents Day?</b>	
<b>Who does Presidents Day honor?</b>	
<b>What is closed on Presidents Day?</b>	

## Who was George Washington?

- He was a general of the American troops during the American Revolutionary War. He became the first President of the United States.
- Washington is called the "Father of Our Country."

## Who was Abraham Lincoln?

- He was the 16th President of the United States.
- Lincoln was president during the Civil War.

Questions	Answers
<b>How many United States presidents have you heard of? What do you know about them?</b>	