The Presidents of Mount Rushmore

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While reading

Introduction

1 **Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.**

a The sculpture was very expensive because of its zsei …….. .

b Calvin Coolidge vdeol …….. the idea of the sculpture.

c The workers cut the asedh …….. of the presidents in the mountain.

d The workers sometimes had espbmrleo …….. with the weather.

e Each president's face had a six-meter seon …… .

f Borglum made the heads very big because he wanted them to look good for a nogl …….. time.

2 **Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?**

a Duane Robinson had the idea for the sculpture four years before they started making it.

b Borglum didn't like the idea of the sculpture at first.

c Borglum talked to the president about the sculpture in New York.

d Gutzon Borglum died before he finished the sculpture.

e Borglum changed the place of one of the president's heads.

f The sculpture looked its best on the day Borglum finished it.

Chapter 1

3 **Answer the questions.**

a What do people often call George Washington?
……

b Where did many of the slaves in Virginia work?
……

c What did Washington enjoy doing in his free time?
……

d What did Washington need to win the war with the British?
……

e Why did Washington plan a new city for the president's house?
……

f How often did elections happen when Washington was president?
……

4 **Find the right words in Chapter 1.**

a Having a lot of money. (p. 6) ……..

b Didn't lose. (p. 6) ……

c To cost a lot of money. (p. 7) ……..

d When people don't have the same ideas. (p. 8) ……..

e The most important person in a group. (p. 8) ……..

f Things you can use to travel on the sea. (p. 9) ……..

g When people get together to talk about things. (p. 10) ……..

h The best. (p. 11) ……..

Chapter 2

5 **Underline the wrong word and put the right one.**

a Thomas Jefferson was the first president of the U.S.A.. ……

b When Thomas was a child, he played cards for hours every afternoon. ……

c Jefferson studied music when he went to college. ……

d Jefferson agreed to say the words of the Declaration of Independence. ……..

e Jefferson didn't leave his bedroom for three weeks after his son died. ……

f Washington was happy when two political parties were born. ……..

g Jefferson loved speaking to big groups of people. ……..

h Napoleon wanted to sell French food to the Americans. ……..

6 **Finish the sentence with the right word.**

made hated wanted spoke helped gave died became

a The U.S.A. …….. bigger when Jefferson was president.

b Four of Jefferson's children …….. when they were young.

c Some people …….. changes to the Declaration of Independence later.

d Jefferson's friends …….. him a job in Paris.

e Washington never …….. to Jefferson again after he became leader of a political party.

f Jefferson …….. dressing in smart clothes.

g Jefferson …….. to know more about the new American land.

h The maps of the new land …….. Americans to move west in later years.

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Chapter 3

7 Circle the extra word in these sentences.

a American slaves were was free at the end of the war.
b There were wild animals all every around Lincoln's family house.
c Lincoln's store didn't do make a lot of money.
d Lincoln didn't want black people to have any the power.
e Lincoln won the presidential election quick easily.
f The North had more money than as The South
g Lincoln was president for a two second time after the war.
h Many people think that Lincoln gives hope for a better best future.

8 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

a The U.S.A. didn't have any bad problems when Lincoln was president.
b Lincoln didn't go to school for very long when he was a child.
c Lincoln wasn't very good at telling stories and people didn't like him.
d Lincoln lost many political elections before he became president.
e Many people died in the war between The North and The South.
f A man from The North shot Lincoln in a theater in Washington.

Chapter 4

9 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

a Roosevelt loved ghfinitg …… and history.
b Roosevelt's wife and ethorm …….. died on the same day.
c When Roosevelt lived in the Dakotas, he shot a lot of rbsae …… .
d Roosevelt wanted a better fiel …….. for the poor people of New York.
e Roosevelt could read and talk about political naslp …….. at the same time.
f For Roosevelt, a aalnc …….. across Central America was important.
g Roosevelt etinidv …… people from Japan and Russia to talks in the U.S.A.
h When Roosevelt was in Africa, he gtuhca …….. many wild animals.

10 Answer the questions.

a How did Roosevelt's life change when he was about thirteen?
……
b Why did Roosevelt first leave New York?
……
c What did Roosevelt do when the war started between the U.S.A. and Spain?
……
d How did Roosevelt change Congress?
……
e What did Roosevelt do for workers?
……
f What happened to Roosevelt's youngest son?
……

Chapter 5

11 Finish the sentence with the right word.

has is are speak tell visit

a People can …… many famous places in Washington, D.C.
b Some people …… at meetings at the Lincoln Memorial.
c Theodore Roosevelt Island …… a big sculpture of the president.
d On an arch in New York, there …… sculptures of George Washington.
e Every book in the Lincoln Book Tower …… about Lincoln.
f The walls of the American Museum of Natural History …… the story of Roosevelt's life.

12 Answer the questions in your notebook.

a Which of the four presidents do you like the most? Why?
b What do you know about the president of the U.S.A. today? Will remember this president as a great person? Why or why not?

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1 **Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?**

a Borglum started the sculpture of Jefferson's head twice.
b Many people visit Mount Rushmore every year to see the sculpture.
c Washington didn't like the idea of paying the president.
d Washington was the only person to be president three times.
e Jefferson was different because he didn't like speaking to many people or wearing smart clothes.
f After Jefferson left politics, he started a college.
g Lincoln's family had a big house in New York.
h Lincoln went to war because he didn't want the country to break in two.
i A children's toy got its name from President Roosevelt.
j The Washington Monument is still the world's tallest building.

2 **What happened first? Number the sentences, 1–10.**

a ….. Jefferson made a law and Americans couldn't buy or sell to Britain or France.
b ….. Roosevelt made the president more important than Congress.
c ….. Congressmen elected George Washington as the first president of the U.S.A.
d ….. Roosevelt traveled to Africa and killed many animals.
e ….. Borglum made a sculpture of four heads at Mount Rushmore.
f ….. The U.S.A. was born after Britain gave independence to thirteen colonies.
g ….. Lincoln became president and a war began between The North and The South.
h ….. The Americans were angry because of British taxes and a war started.
i ….. Thomas Jefferson bought a lot of land from the French and the U.S.A. grew in size.
j ….. The U.S.A. became a country free of slavery.

3 **Finish the sentences with the right word.**

farms shooting hungry hoped fire
ideas speaker ships trip look

a Borglum started Jefferson's head again because the sculpture didn't …….. right.
b George Washington's family had two …….. and lots of slaves.
c The last British …….. left America after the colonies got their independence.
d Washington didn't agree with the …….. of Jefferson's political party.
e Jefferson sold a lot of books to Congress after it lost many in a …….. .
f People listened to Lincoln very carefully because he was a good …….. .
g Many people were …….. after the war between The North and The South.
h Roosevelt …….. to give the poor people of New York a better life.
i When Roosevelt visited the Panama Canal, it was the first …….. outside the U.S.A. for a U.S. president.
j The Lincoln Book Tower is in the same place as Lincoln's …….. .

4 **Write the names to finish the sentences.**

George Washington	Thomas Jefferson
Abraham Lincoln	Theodore Roosevelt
Stephen Douglas	John Adams
Gutzon Borglum	Lincoln Borglum
Calvin Coolidge	Napoleon Bonaparte

a …….. didn't want Congress to make laws about slaves for the new states.
b …….. won a presidential election with the help of the newspapers.
c …….. finished some work after his father died.
d …….. won a prize for the work he did to stop a war between Russia and Japan.
e …….. needed money for his wars in Europe and sold a lot of France's land in North America.
f …….. worked for almost fourteen years on a sculpture at Mount Rushmore.
g …….. wrote some very important words about the equality of all men.
h …….. was the president who decided to give government money for the sculpture.
i …….... fought against the French but later got help from them in a war against the British.
j …….... wanted to end slavery in the whole of the United States.

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