

# Presidents' Day Poem

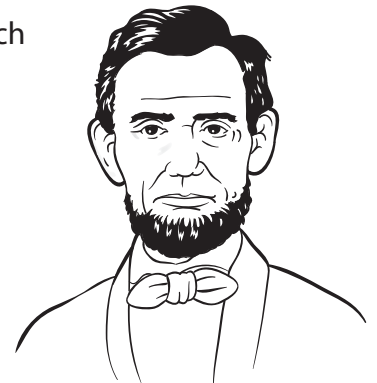
Try the following activities to commemorate Presidents' Day—with a poem honoring U.S. presidents!

## **For younger students (kindergarten–1st grade):**

- Provide copies of the poem and lead your class in singing it aloud to the tune of "Itsy Bitsy Spider."
- Write the poem on chart paper and invite students to use a pointer to track the words as the class sings.
- Have students underline sight-words in the poem.
- Challenge students to identify words in the poem that begin with a certain sound.
- Underline the words "speeches," "troops," "tough," "decisions" and "problems." Invite students to share what they think each word means. Then explain the meaning of each word in the context of the poem, using simple terms that children will understand.

## **For older students (2nd–3rd grade):**

- Provide copies of the poem and invite students to read it aloud with you.
- Have students underline words and phrases in the poem that describe what the president does.
- Challenge students to name as many U.S. presidents as they can. Write the names on the board as students call them out. Then have students use research materials in the classroom to look up the rest of the names and complete the list.





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(Can be sung to the tune of "Itsy Bitsy Spider" or read as a poem)

The President of our country  
Has many jobs to do.  
He gives a lot of speeches  
And helps our people too.  
He leads our troops  
To keep us safe and strong.  
And he makes some tough decisions  
When problems come along.