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# KNOW YOUR PRESIDENTS

**Directions:** For many years, Americans celebrated the birthdays of just two presidents -- Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and George Washington on February 22. In 1971, however, the third Monday in February became known as Presidents Day -- a day to honor all U.S. presidents. Explore the Web Resource below to learn about the first five U.S. presidents. Match each president's name in the first column with an event in the second column that occurred while he was in office. On the line next to each name, write the letter of the event that happened while he was president.

## Web Resources:

POTUS: Presidents of the United States  
<http://www.ipl.org/div/potus>



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| ____ 1. George Washington | a. The Bill of Rights took effect.  |
| ____ 2. John Adams        | b. The City of Washington was captured and burned by the British.                     |
| ____ 3. Thomas Jefferson  | c. The United States capital was moved from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C.          |
| ____ 4. James Madison     | d. The number of stripes on the U.S. flag was set at 13 for the 13 original colonies. |
| ____ 5. James Monroe      | e. The Louisiana Territory was purchased from France for \$15 million dollars.        |

**Something to Think About:** Do you think the United States should have one holiday that honors all the presidents or separate holidays to honor only the most important presidents? Why?

**Learn More:** Click the name of one U.S. president on the POTUS Web site at <http://www.ipl.org/div/potus> and read some of the biographies listed at the bottom of the page. Write an essay explaining why that president should be honored on Presidents Day.