Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is celebrated in February to honor two of the greatest United States presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. The holiday is celebrated in the United States on the third Monday in February.

George Washington was born February 22, 1732. When he was born, America was not a nation yet. It belonged to England. People in America didn't want to belong to England so they fought a war to become a separate country. George Washington was an American general in the war. America won the war and picked a

new name for itself: The United States of America. George Washington was elected to be its first President.

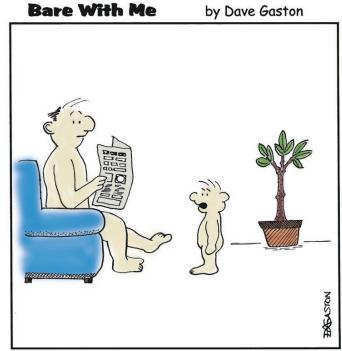
A legend is told about George Washington as a boy. Young George had a new hatchet and with it he cut down a small cherry tree. When his father saw the tree, he was angry. "George," he said. "Did you do that?" George was afraid to admit that he did.

Nevertheless, the boy decided to tell the truth. "Yes, Father," he said, "I cut down the cherry tree with my hatchet. I cannot tell a lie." George Washington's father was proud of George for telling the truth.

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. When Abe was a boy, he lived in a log cabin, a small house made out of logs cut from trees his father cut down to make the cabin.

There were no electric lights in the cabin. Young Abe read books by firelight and drew with charcoal on a shovel. Abe's family was poor. Often he went barefoot because he didn't have any shoes.

When Abraham Lincoln grew up, he studied hard and became a lawyer. Then he was elected to be a lawmaker. In 1861, Abraham Lincoln became the 16th President of the United States.



" If you're not supposed to do drugs, why are there so many drug stores?"

U.S. Presidents

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