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Presidents' Day, compare and contrast

It's Their Day

George Washington served as the first U.S. president, but Abraham Lincoln was the first president to appear on U.S. money.



Presidents' Day is held on the third Monday in February. It is a day to honor presidents like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Both of these leaders were born in February. What else did these men have in common? Each man had a big role in the history of the United States.

Washington and Lincoln were each elected to two terms as president. Both men have cities named for them, and you can find both of their faces printed on U.S. money.

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. He grew up in a time when the United States was not its own nation. It was ruled by Great Britain. George Washington helped make the United States its own nation. He was the first president of the United States and served two terms.

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809. The United States was always its own nation during his lifetime. However, Americans were fighting each other in the Civil War, and it was breaking the nation apart. During the war, Lincoln became the country's 16th president. He helped end the war and worked to reunite the nation. Lincoln was elected to a second term, but he did not live long enough to serve most of it.

Complete the chart.

Use the passage.

How the Presidents Were Alike	How the Presidents Were Different
1. _____ _____	1. _____ _____
2. _____ _____	2. _____ _____
3. _____ _____	3. _____ _____