

Guided Reading Activity

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Choosing the President

Lesson 1 *Presidential Qualifications and Leadership*

Review Questions

Directions: Read each main idea. Use your text to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: To be elected and serve successfully as president of the United States, a person must possess a variety of skills, talents, experiences, and personal qualities.

1. **Detail:** According to the _____, both the president and the vice president must be natural-born U.S. citizens, at least _____ years old, and have resided in the U.S. at least 14 years before taking office.
2. **Detail:** Informal requirements include _____ in government, and since 1900 most nominees have been senators or governors.
3. **Detail:** Although extremely liberal or very conservative candidates have been nominated for office, only _____ candidates have been elected.
4. **Detail:** Although historically presidents have come from northern _____ backgrounds and most have been _____ class, married, Protestant, and financially successful, candidates' backgrounds are becoming more diverse.
5. **Detail:** Since modern presidential candidates need to have access to huge sums of money, they must have strong _____ support from many people.

B. Main Idea: Presidents need good leadership skills as Americans look to the president to keep the peace and to solve economic and social problems.

1. **Detail:** The more a president knows and understands the _____, the more public support he or she will have, increasing the president's _____ with lawmakers.
2. **Detail:** Successful presidents must be able to communicate effectively and present their ideas in a way that inspires public _____.

