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## Guided Reading Activity

## 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 $\qquad$ both the president and the vice president must be natural-born U.S. citizens, at least $\qquad$ years old, and have resided in the U.S. at least 14 years before taking office.
2. Detail: Informal requirements include $\qquad$ 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 $\qquad$ candidates have been elected.
4. Detail: Although historically presidents have come from northern $\qquad$ backgrounds and most have been $\qquad$ 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 $\qquad$ 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.
6. Detail: The more a president knows and understands the $\qquad$ the more public support he or she will have, increasing the president's $\qquad$ with lawmakers.
7. Detail: Successful presidents must be able to communicate effectively and present their ideas in a way that inspires public $\qquad$
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## Guided Reading Activity cont.

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3. Detail: Successful presidents have a sense of $\qquad$ allowing them to know when the time is right to introduce a new policy, to make a key decision, or to delay such actions.
4. Detail: Because good leadership requires being open to new ideas, a successful president must be able to $\qquad$ _.
5. Detail: Successful presidents need political $\qquad$ to make decisions that may be unpopular with the public or with their own political $\qquad$ -.

## Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.
What are the requirements necessary for a person to be president, and the qualities that make a president effective?
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