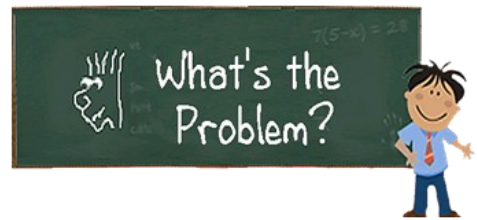


# Teacher Instructions:



**Problem Scenario:** “Presidents’ Day”

**The Main Problem:** *Your class has been given the task of coming up with a way that the school can recognize President’s Day this year.*

***What is the significance of this holiday, and what should your school do to honor it?***

Your students will be viewing this problem from an **integrated** perspective.



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*Students will review information on the origin of this holiday and think about ways that it should be celebrated today.*

## **Step ①**

**Review  
Stimulus  
Items**

**Stimulus Item #1—** “Why do we celebrate President’s Day?...” (video)

**Stimulus Item #2—** “Washington's Birthday...” (article)

**Stimulus Item #3—** “Celebrate President’s Day in School...” (list)

*\*\*Students should take notes as they review the Stimulus Items*

## **Step ②**

**Classroom  
Discussion**

Lead a **class discussion** about issues related to the topic. You are being provided a sheet to help you guide the classroom discussion.

**Extended Responses:** Have students answer the following questions. Remind students to use information from the Stimulus Items to support their response.

- 1. What is the significance of President’s Day as a national holiday, and why is it important to recognize it each year?**
- 2. What is the best way that your school can honor and celebrate President’s Day?**

## **Step ③**

**Student  
Response**

*\*\*\*students should have access to their notes as they enter their answers*

*\*\*\*students may also have access to the Stimulus Items as they enter their answers*

**EXTENDED PRODUCT (Optional):** Divide students into small groups, with each group forming a **Team of Teachers**. The team is in charge of the school’s holiday planning and recognition of special days, such as President’s Day. Each team will **create an outline** of a couple of activities that they think should be planned at the school in order to honor President’s Day. The outline should include a description of the activities, the role of teachers and students, and the reason why the activities are the best choice to honor the holiday.

## **Step ④**

**Analysis**

Rubrics to grade student entries have been provided, and all questions have been mapped to the content standards.