



## Writing US Presidents 5-6 Syllabus

### Course Goals

#### 1 Writing Skills

Students learn to write well-organized, thoughtful multi-paragraph essays by using sentences as building blocks.

#### 2 U.S. Presidents

Students learn about the lives and administrations of our presidents from George Washington to Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

### Course Topics

#### 1 Topic Sentences

Students use topic sentences to form the basis of paragraphs in written works.

#### 2 Conjunctions

Students understand how to use basic and subordinating conjunctions to add variety and complexity to their sentences.

#### 3 Paragraph Organization

Students learn how to organize paragraphs and provide suitable transitions between them.

#### 4 Note-Taking

Students learn how to read complex material while taking notes to better understand the content.

#### 5 Revision

Students become familiar with the writing process as they revise their essays using instructor feedback.

#### 6 Presidential Administrations

Students understand the events surrounding past presidential administrations and how the actions taken back then have an impact on the present day.

#### 7 Primary Sources

Students become familiar with reading and understanding primary sources from early American history.

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