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Coaches' Bulletin

Coaches Corner: Presidents

One way to help students prepare for Presidents is to make them do most of the work. Before you accuse me of being the reincarnation of Simon Legree, let me explain.

Assign each student one or more presidents from the range being studied (such as 25-45). You can combine students from Elementary and Middle or Junior and Senior for this preparation.

Give each student an outline sheet for each president that student is assigned. The student will fill in basic information about the various aspects of the president's life: Early years, education, career before entering politics, marriage and family, as well as his political career and presidency, and, finally, his life after the presidency. You can add a section on the theme for the year; e.g. Cabinet Members for 2018-19.

Depending on the amount of preparation time before the tournament, you can have each student "present" his president to the group. Give each player the same blank information sheet you gave the presenter so they can fill in the information as their teammate makes the presentation.

If preparation time is limited, you can duplicate the completed sheet for each president for each player. Or players can exchange their information in small groups (for example, all players with a common lunch period or all who can meet before school).

Also have each player submit five clues about each president they were assigned. Then compile the clues into a practice round where you throw out a clue and ask for the president.

Several sample information sheets are included with this Coaches Bulletin. If you'd like more, contact me at bngolden1@cox.net.

I ask coaches of Presidents, Theme, or Current Events to share preparation techniques that have worked well. I'll include your suggestions in future bulletins and give you credit.

Cube Game Judges

The certification and recertification of cube game judges is going on now. Tests must be

returned by **March 20** so that judges' assignments for Nationals can be compiled and promulgated.

For the list of current judges with the year of each's certification, go to:

<https://agloa.org/certified-judges/>

If you were last certified in 2013 or earlier, then you must recertify to be able to judge at this year's Nationals.

Survey Questions

We haven't had any surveys in a while. Here's some questions. Have the appropriate persons respond to as many as you wish. Results will be published in future issues of this Bulletin. The purpose is to share ideas across leagues.

Q1 (a) Does your league require cube game judges to be nationally certified?
(b) Do you give a judges' test of your own?

Q2 How many awards ceremonies does your league conduct? When and where are they held and at what time of day?

Q3 What game has the largest enrollment in your league? What game has the smallest enrollment?



Do you recognize *where* this was taken?

Computer Applications I: Google Slides Project Research Sheet (10 pts.)

Your Name _____

President's Name JOHN ADAMS

Early Life

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Parents' Names _____

Education _____

Other facts _____

Marriage and Family

Wife's name _____

Children _____

Other facts _____

Career before Presidency

Profession(s) _____

Political Party _____

Political Offices _____

Other facts _____

Election to Presidency

Year _____ Chief election opponent _____

Main issues in the election _____

Events of His Presidency

Domestic (in this country) _____

Foreign Affairs _____

Continue over ...

Reelection Campaign

Year _____ Chief opponent _____

Main issues _____

Why he wasn't reelected _____

Life after Presidency

Main events _____

Death Year _____ Place _____

Miscellaneous Information That Doesn't Fit into Any of the Other Categories

Fun Facts About This President
