

How to Use

This United States Presidents Compare and Contrast Notebook is designed to help students research and discover the life and impact of each President. To get started, students need to fill out the three pages that include research questions and room to record facts about each President's personal life, term(s) served, domestic issues he faced, and international issues he faced as well as other events in U.S. and world history that happened during his term(s).

The second assignment is to complete two Venn diagrams that illustrate some of the similarities and differences between the two Presidents. The first deals with the information students recorded for personal information and term(s). They can fill out the diagram with as much of the information learned as desired. For example, Thomas Jefferson was a planter and a lawyer; James Madison was a lawyer. Both were born in Virginia. Jefferson served 4 years; Madison served 8 years. Both were Democrat-Republicans. The second Venn diagram highlights domestic and international issues the President faced. For example, both Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy faced issues concerning civil rights. Eisenhower faced the Korean War; Kennedy faced the Cuban missile crisis.

The third assignment is to draw a picture of one of the Presidents or something that he is remembered for (such as a policy, a U.S. or world history event, etc.).

The final assignment is for students to create four flashcards that can help them remember key events from U.S. and world history that happened during the President's term(s).

A blank set of worksheets is included at the end of the unit so a student may choose to compare any two Presidents of their choice, regardless of whether they served consecutively, such as comparing George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

George Washington

John Adams

Personal Information:

In what state was one of the Presidents born? What jobs did he do before becoming President?

Was he married? How many children did he have?

In what state was the other President born? What jobs did he do before becoming President?

Was he married? How many children did he have?

Term(s):

How many years did one of the Presidents serve? What years did he serve?

What party did he represent?

How many years did the other President serve? What years did he serve?

What party did he represent?

George Washington

John Adams

Domestic Issues:

What are some of the domestic issues one of the Presidents dealt with (economy, rights, etc.)?

Briefly describe how he dealt with them.

What are some of the domestic issues the other President dealt with (economy, rights, etc.)?

Briefly describe how he dealt with them.

What major U.S. events happened during one of the President's time in office?

What major U.S. events happened during the other President's time in office?

George Washington

John Adams

International Issues:

What are some of the international issues one of the Presidents dealt with (trade, wars, etc.)?

Briefly describe how he dealt with them. _____

What are some of the international issues the other President dealt with (trade, wars, etc.)?

Briefly describe how he dealt with them. _____

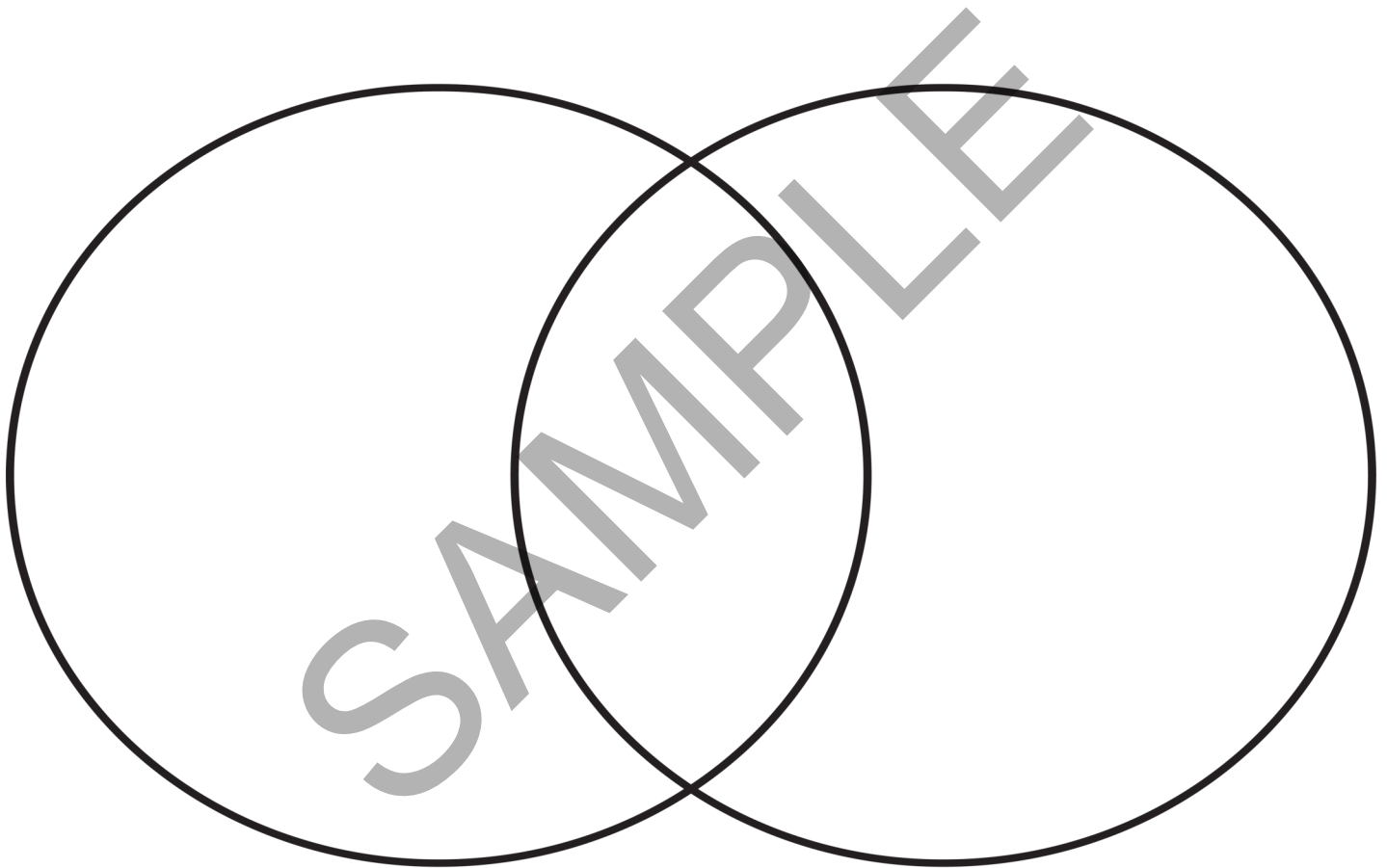
What major world events happened during one of the President's time in office?

What major world events happened during the other President's time in office?

George Washington

John Adams

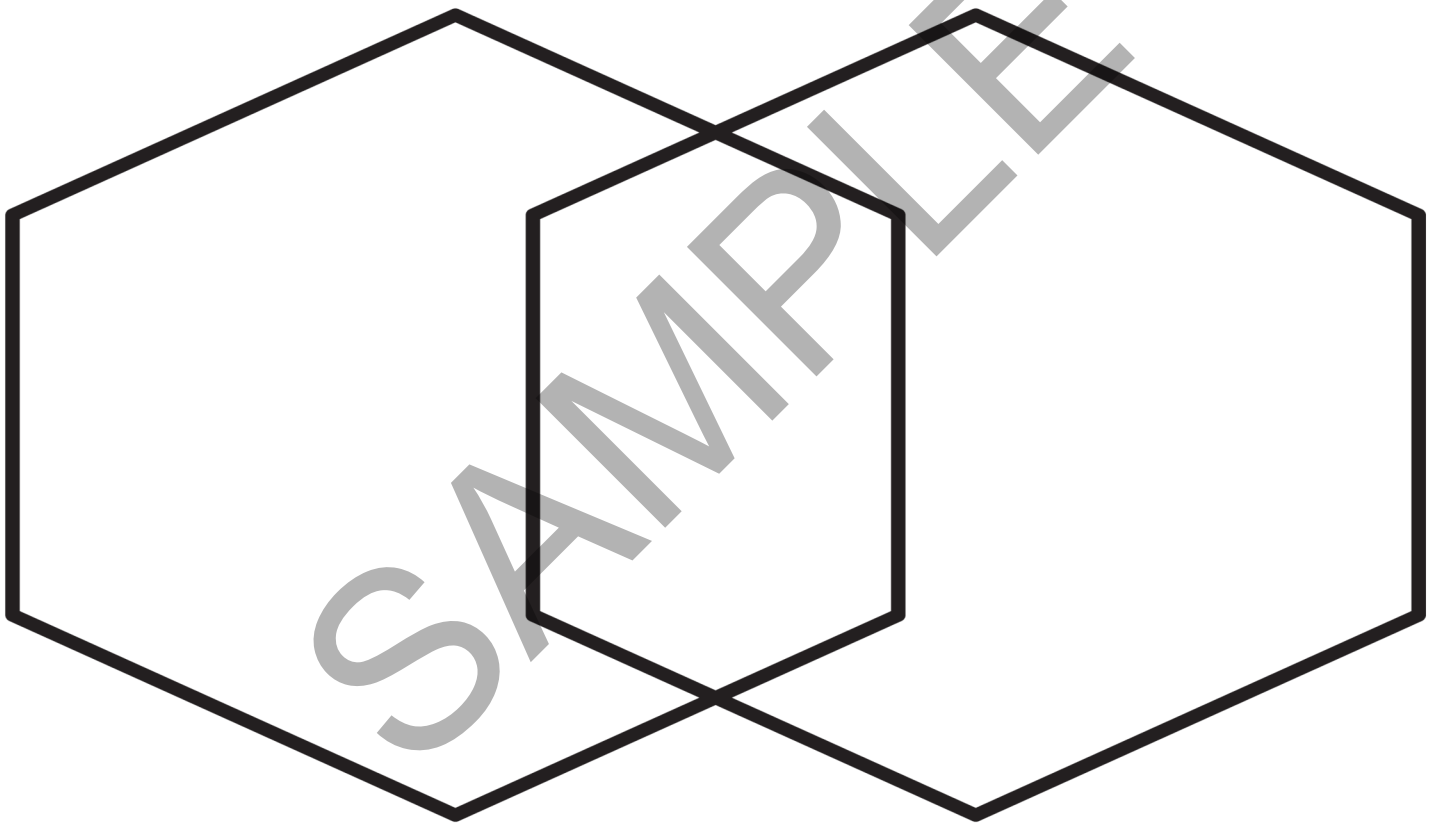
In looking at the personal information and term(s) the two Presidents served, what did they have in common? In what ways were they different?



George Washington

John Adams

In looking at the domestic and international issues the two Presidents faced, what did they have in common? In what ways were they different?



George Washington
John Adams

Draw a picture that will remind you of one of these Presidents or something he is remembered for.

SAMPLE

Person or event shown above:

George Washington

John Adams

<p>U.S. Event: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Location: _____</p> <p>Interesting facts: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>U.S. Event: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Location: _____</p> <p>Interesting facts: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>World Event: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Location: _____</p> <p>Interesting facts: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>World Event: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Location: _____</p> <p>Interesting facts: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>