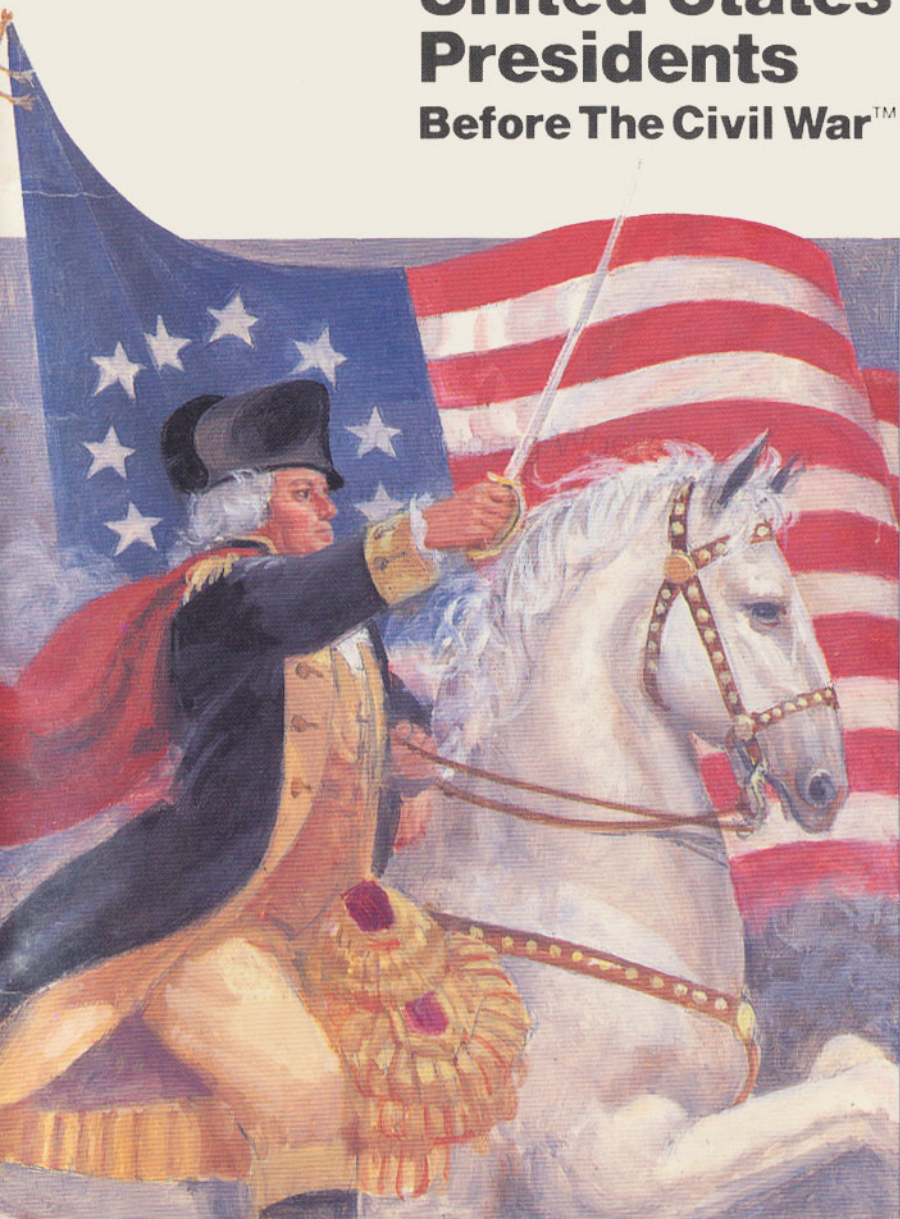


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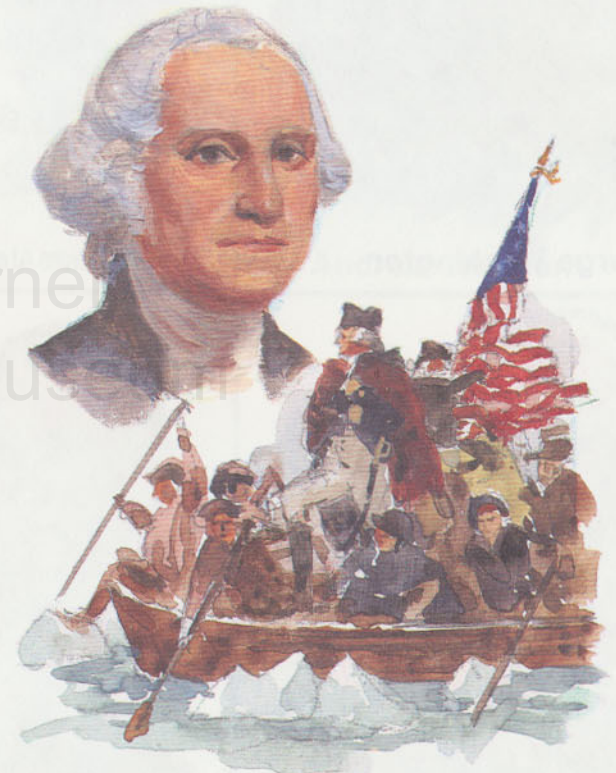
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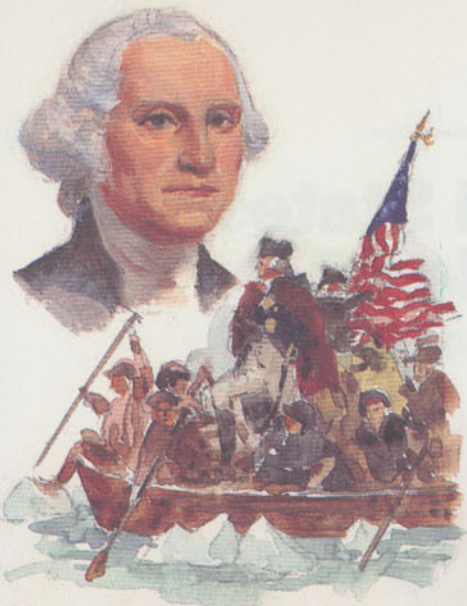
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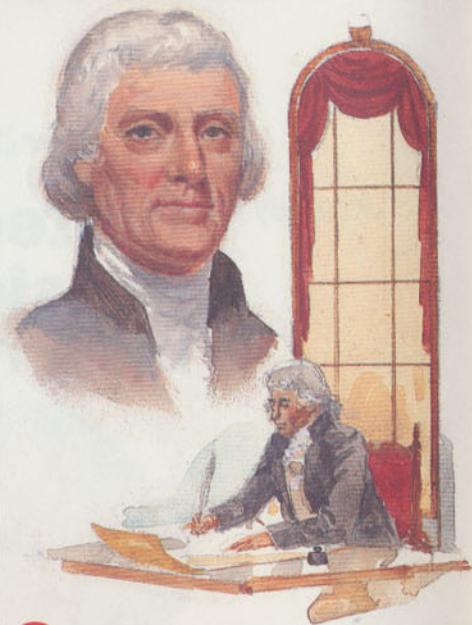
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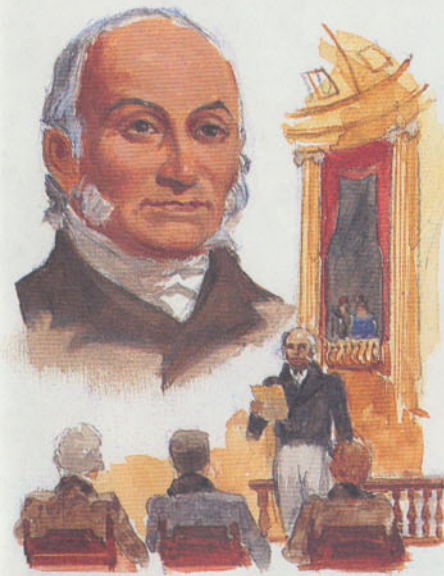
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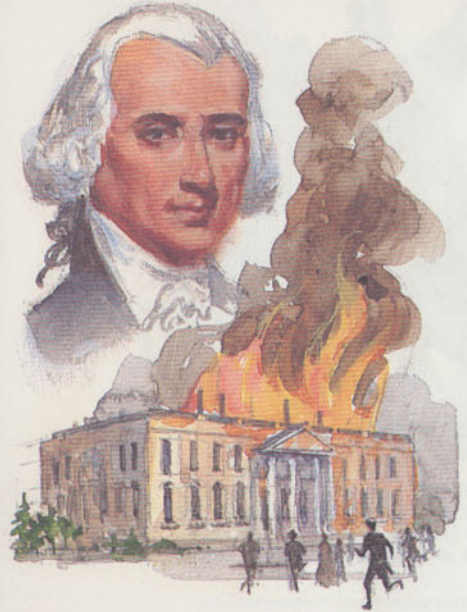
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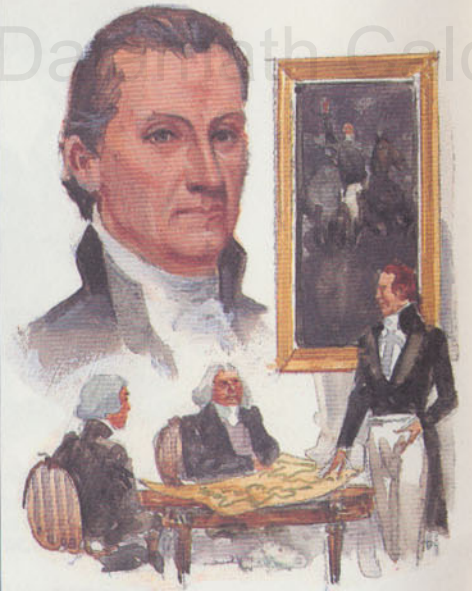
5 John Quincy Adams



6 Andrew Jackson



3 James Madison



4 James Monroe



7 William Henry Harrison



8 Abraham Lincoln



Being **President** of the United States is one of the most important jobs in the world. If you want to be President, you must be 35 years old, be born a United States citizen and live here for 14 years. A President is elected every four years. This is called his term of office. These rules are in the United States Constitution, the written plan for the government.

The presidency is one of the three parts of the government. The other two are the

Congress, which makes the laws, and the **Supreme Court**, which decides whether those laws agree with the Constitution.

The President's job is to see that the laws are carried out. To help him do this, the President has a **Vice-President**, whose main job is to take over if something happens to the President, and a group of advisors called the Cabinet. Each member of the Cabinet has a special job. For example, the Secretary of State deals with America's plans and problems with other countries.



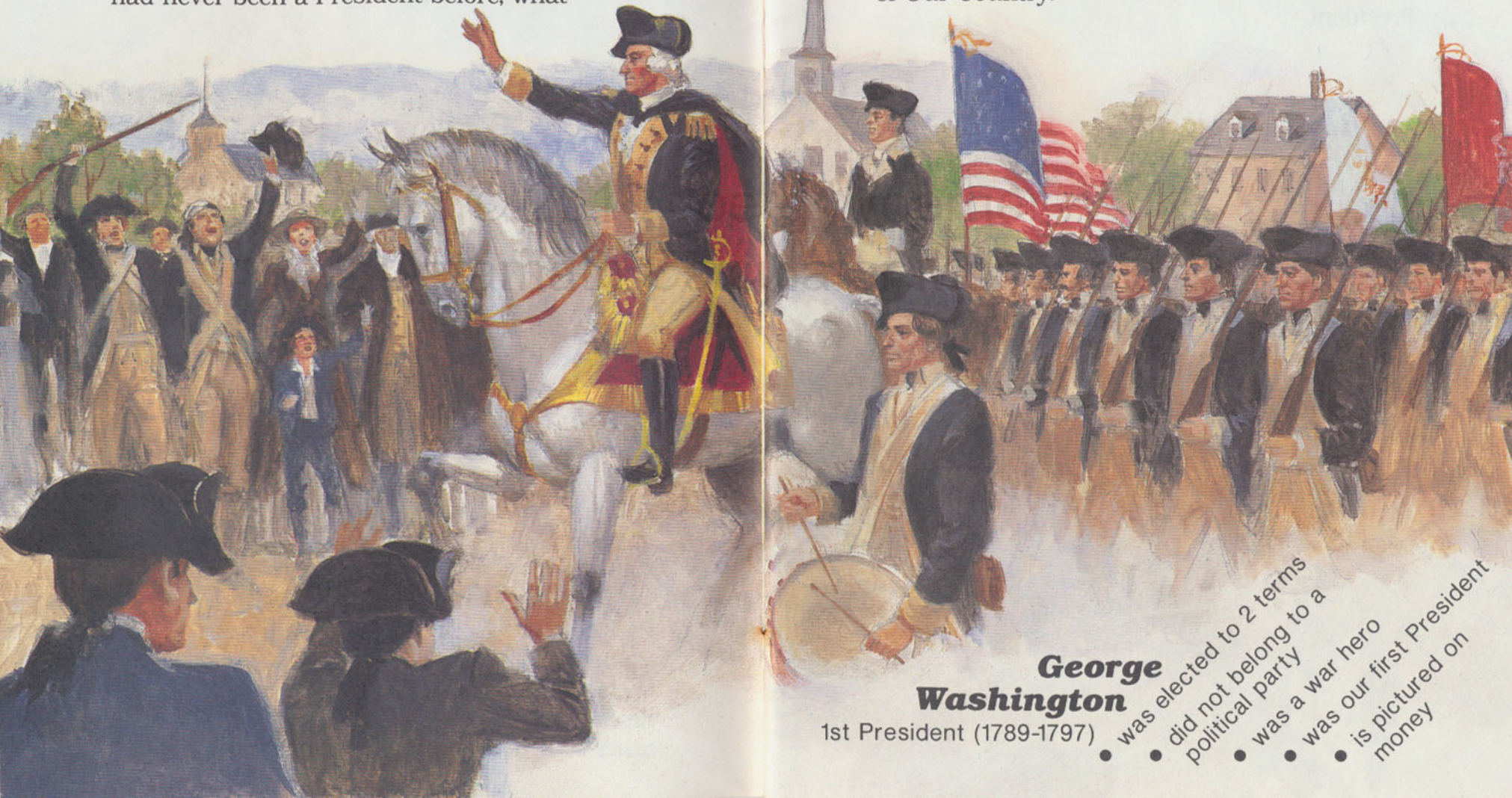
George Washington was a great war hero. He was the general in charge of America's first army, which defeated the British in the American Revolution and helped win independence from Great Britain.

This new country had many problems and needed a strong leader. That leader was George Washington, who was elected the first President of the United States. Because there had never been a President before, what

Washington did as President became an example for the Presidents who followed him.

Washington believed that no person should be President for more than two terms. He felt that if a President served longer, he might become too powerful, like a king. He wanted the new government to grow strong, not just the new leader.

He really deserves to be called "The Father of Our Country."



George Washington

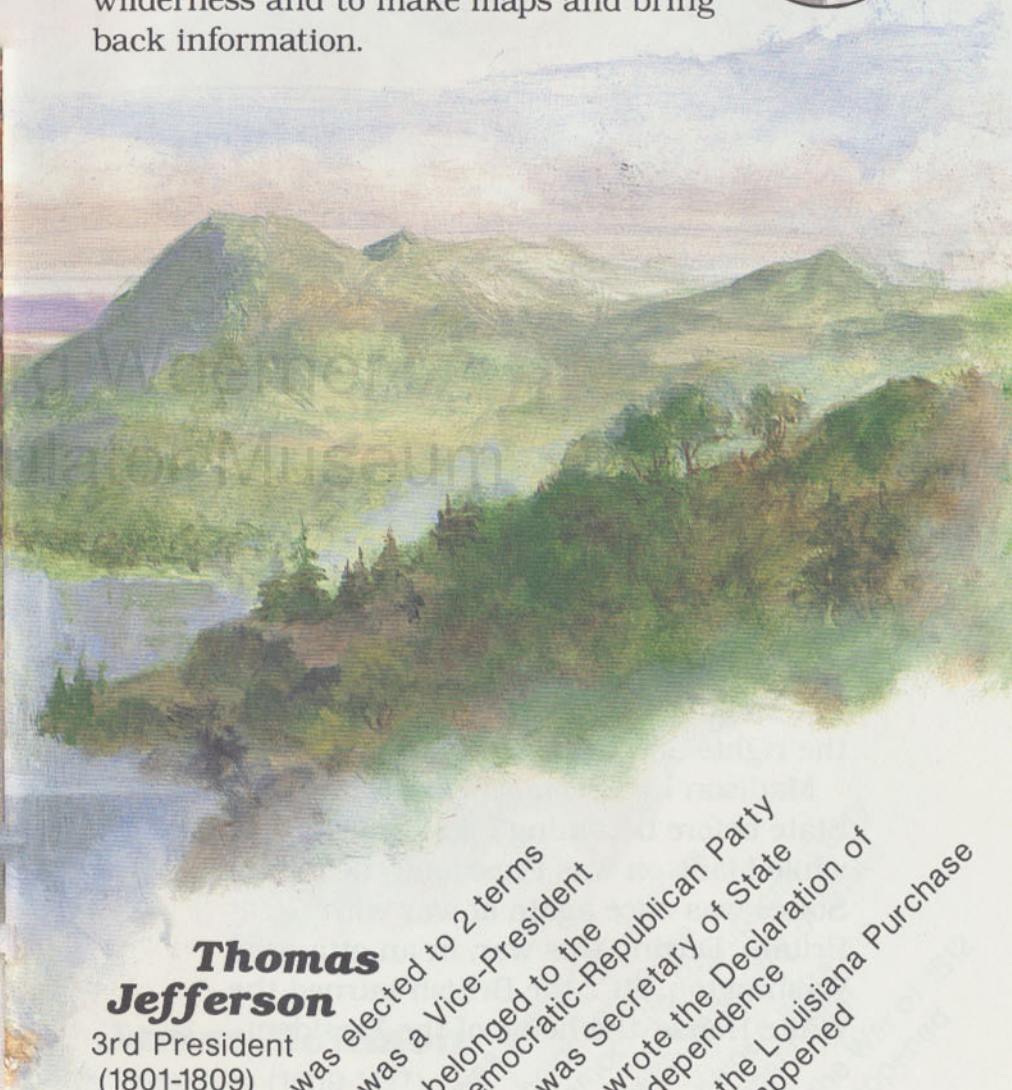
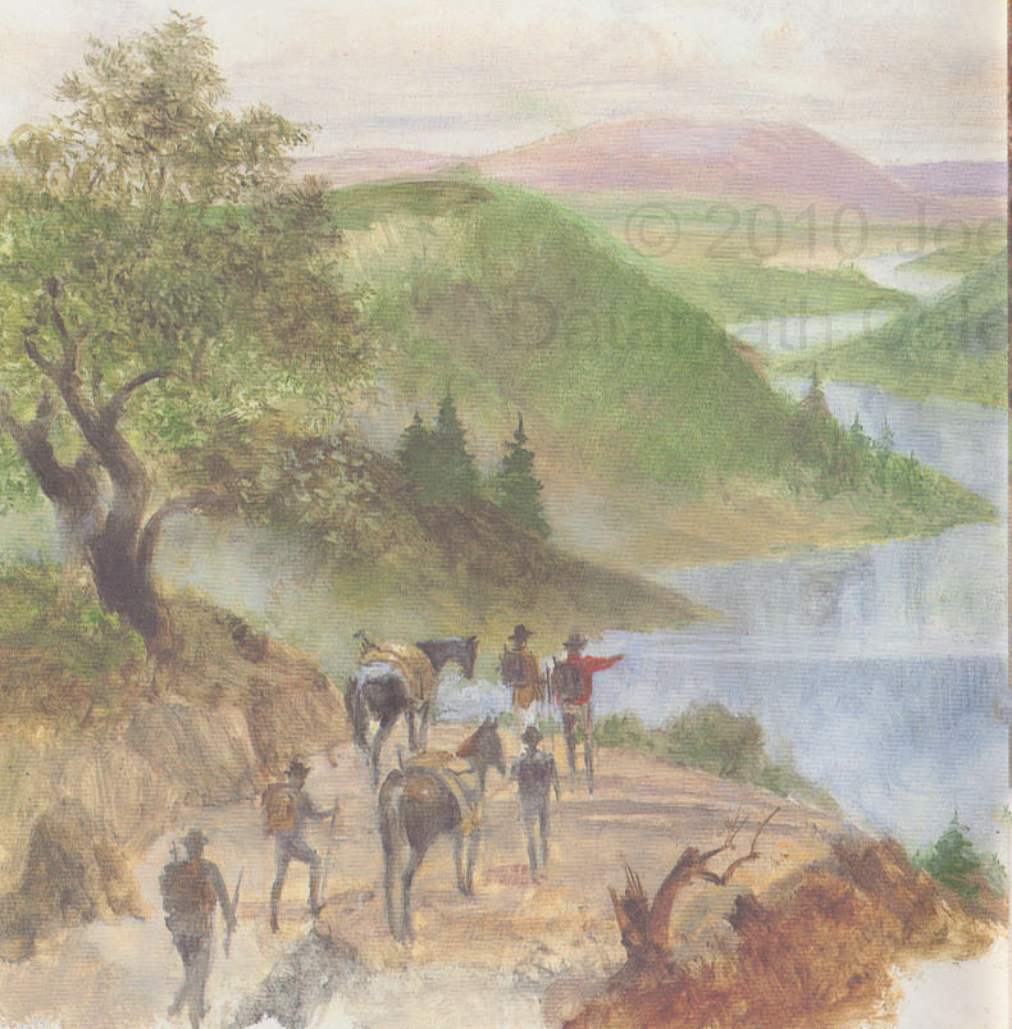
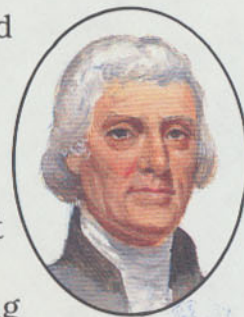
1st President (1789-1797)

- was elected to 2 terms
- did not belong to a political party
- was a war hero
- was our first President
- is pictured on money

Thomas Jefferson was talented and well-educated. He was an architect, a lawyer, an inventor, a musician, and an author. The most famous thing he wrote was the Declaration of Independence which explained why America should be free and not part of Great Britain.

After Washington became President of the new country, Jefferson became his Secretary of State. When John Adams was elected our second President, Jefferson became his Vice-President.

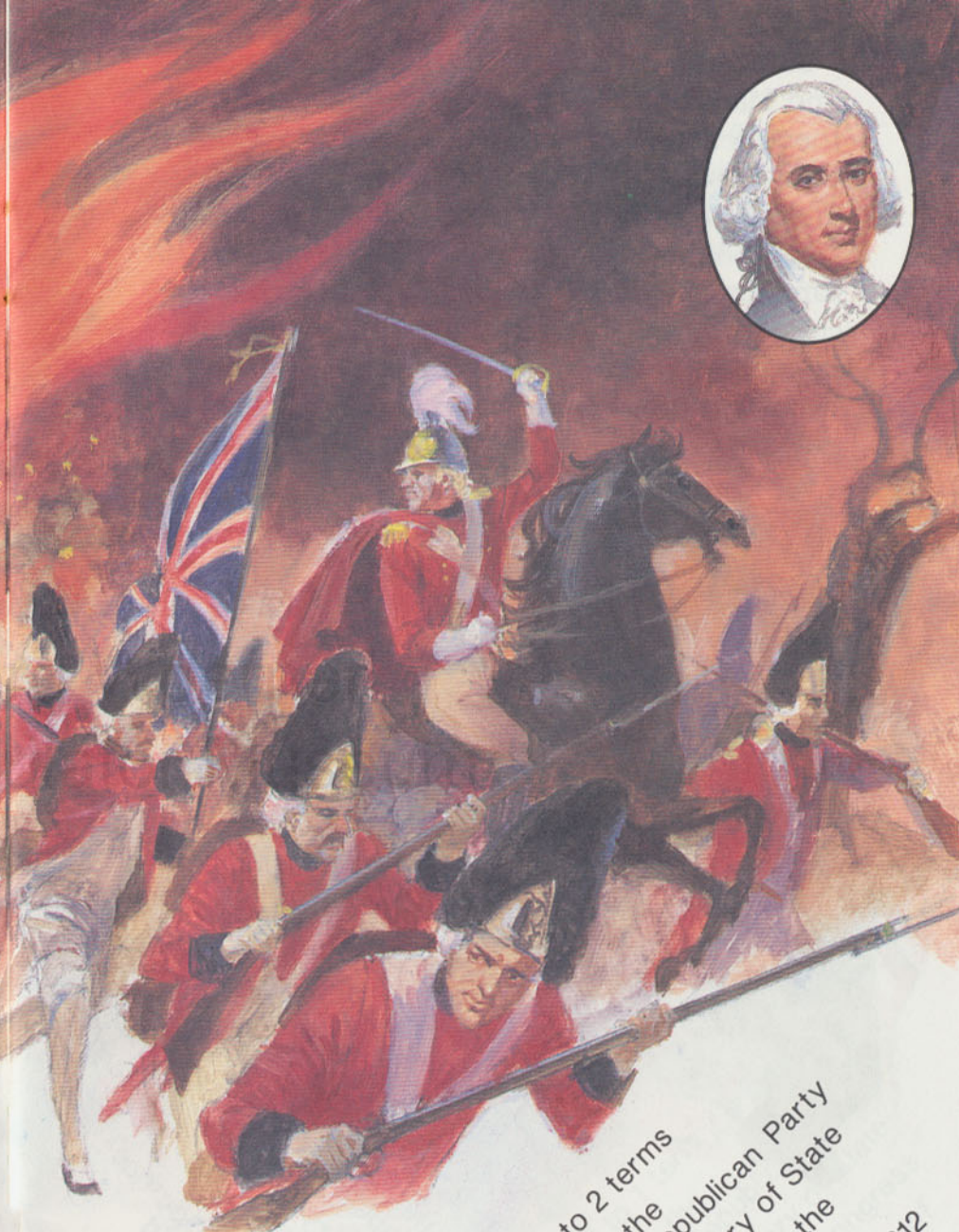
In 1800 Thomas Jefferson was elected as the third President. One of the most important things he did while in office was to make the Louisiana Purchase from France. This new land more than doubled the size of the country. He sent Lewis and Clark out to explore this wilderness and to make maps and bring back information.



Thomas Jefferson

3rd President
(1801-1809)

- was elected to 2 terms
- was a Vice-President
- belonged to the Democratic-Republican Party
- was Secretary of State
- wrote the Declaration of Independence
- the Louisiana Purchase happened



After the American Revolution, **James Madison** helped write the Constitution and its first ten amendments, called the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights describes and guarantees the rights and freedoms of Americans.

Madison had been Jefferson's Secretary of State before becoming President. In 1812, while Madison was President, the United States was once again at war with Great Britain. During this war, in an attack on Washington, D.C., the British burned the White House, the home of the President.

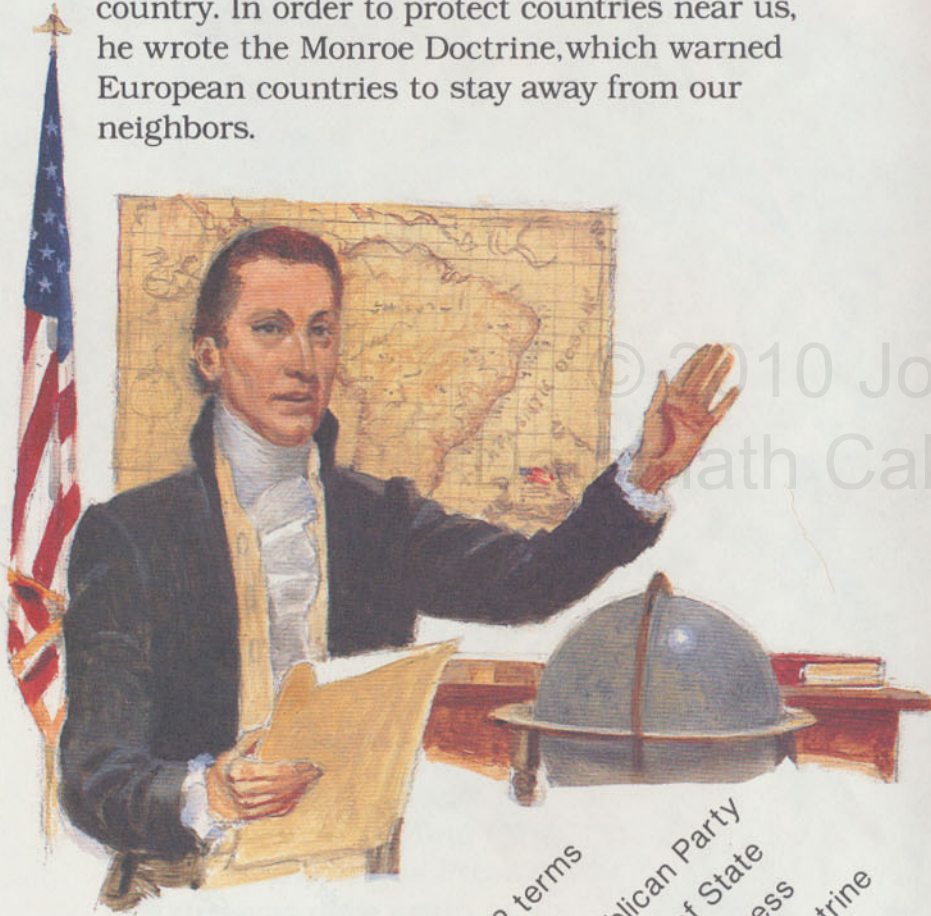
James Madison

4th President (1809-1817)

- was elected to 2 terms
- belonged to the Democratic-Republican Party
- was Secretary of State
- helped write the Constitution
- the War of 1812 happened

James Monroe, like Washington, Jefferson, and Madison, was from Virginia. He fought in the American Revolution and then served in Congress. He was Madison's Secretary of State and followed him to become the fifth President.

By the time Monroe was elected to office, America had become a large and powerful country. In order to protect countries near us, he wrote the Monroe Doctrine, which warned European countries to stay away from our neighbors.

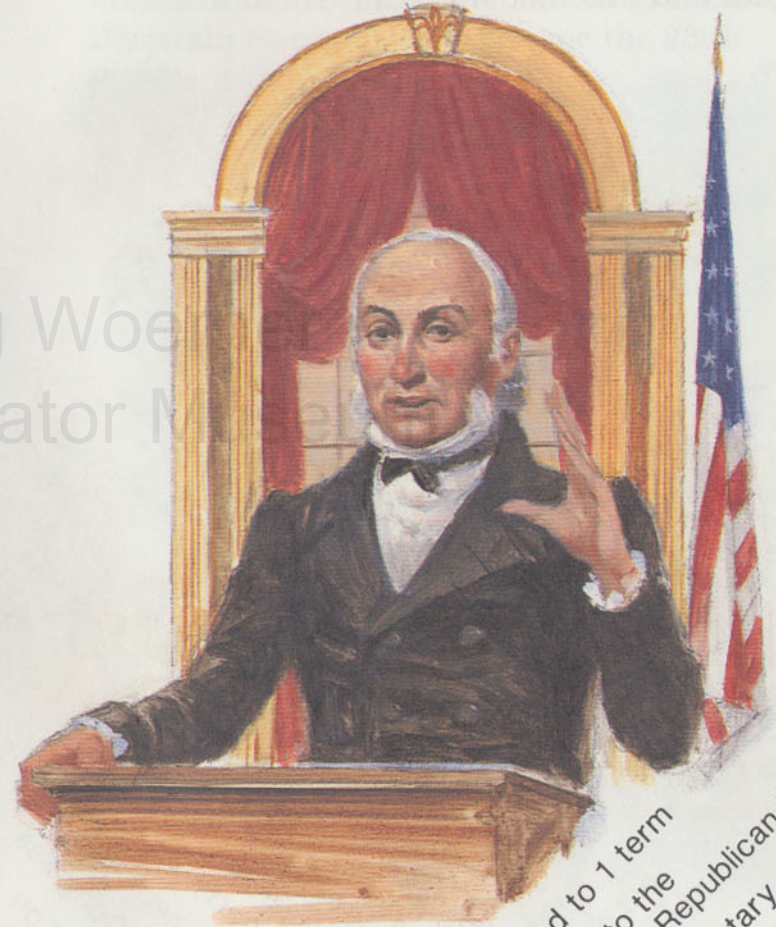


James Monroe

5th President
(1817-1825)

- was elected to 2 terms
- belonged to the Democratic-Republican Party
- was Secretary of State
- served in Congress
- the Monroe Doctrine was announced

John Quincy Adams, the sixth President, was the son of John Adams, the second President. He was Monroe's Secretary of State and became President after him. Adams ran for a second term and was defeated. He then ran for Congress and was elected by the people in Massachusetts. He served in Congress for many years.



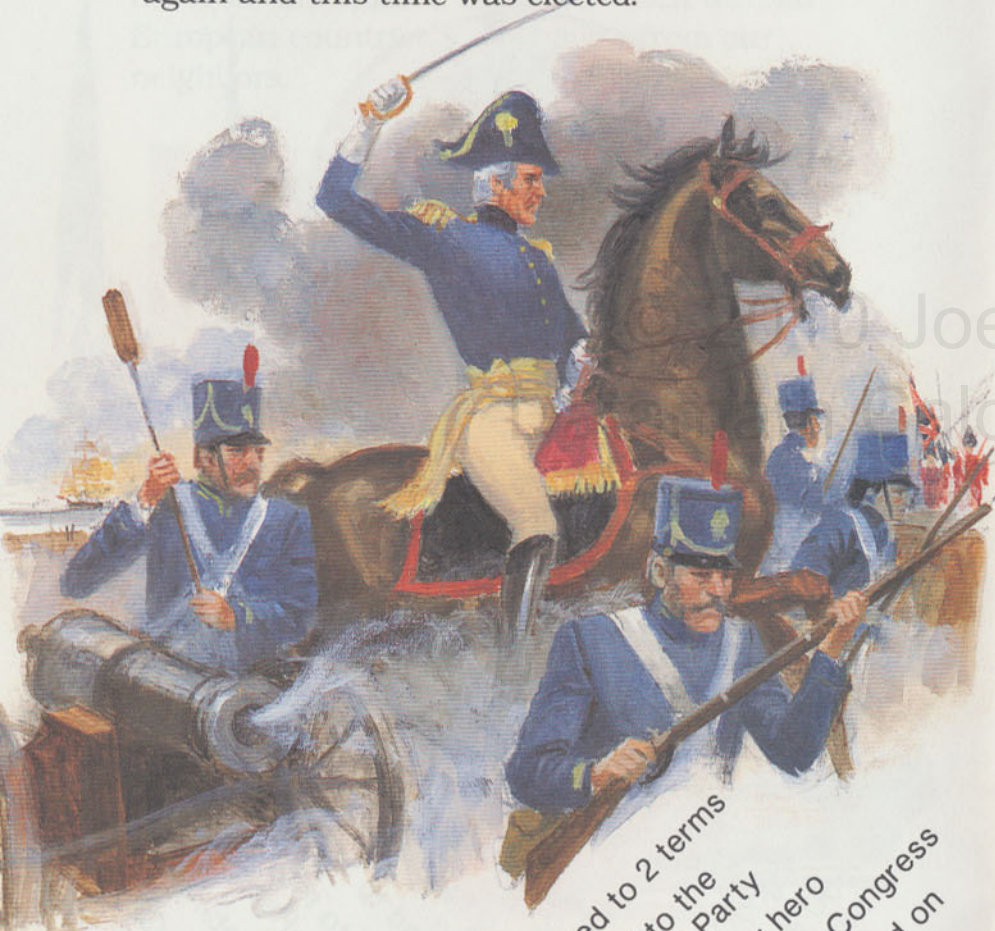
John Quincy Adams

6th President (1825-1829)

- was elected to 1 term
- belonged to the Democratic-Republican Party
- was Secretary of State
- served in Congress
- was the son of a President

Andrew Jackson was a war hero who won the Battle of New Orleans, a famous victory in the War of 1812. However, because news traveled so slowly in those days, the battle was fought after the war was OVER!

Jackson then served in Congress. In 1824, he ran for President and lost to John Quincy Adams. Four years later he ran against Adams again and this time was elected.

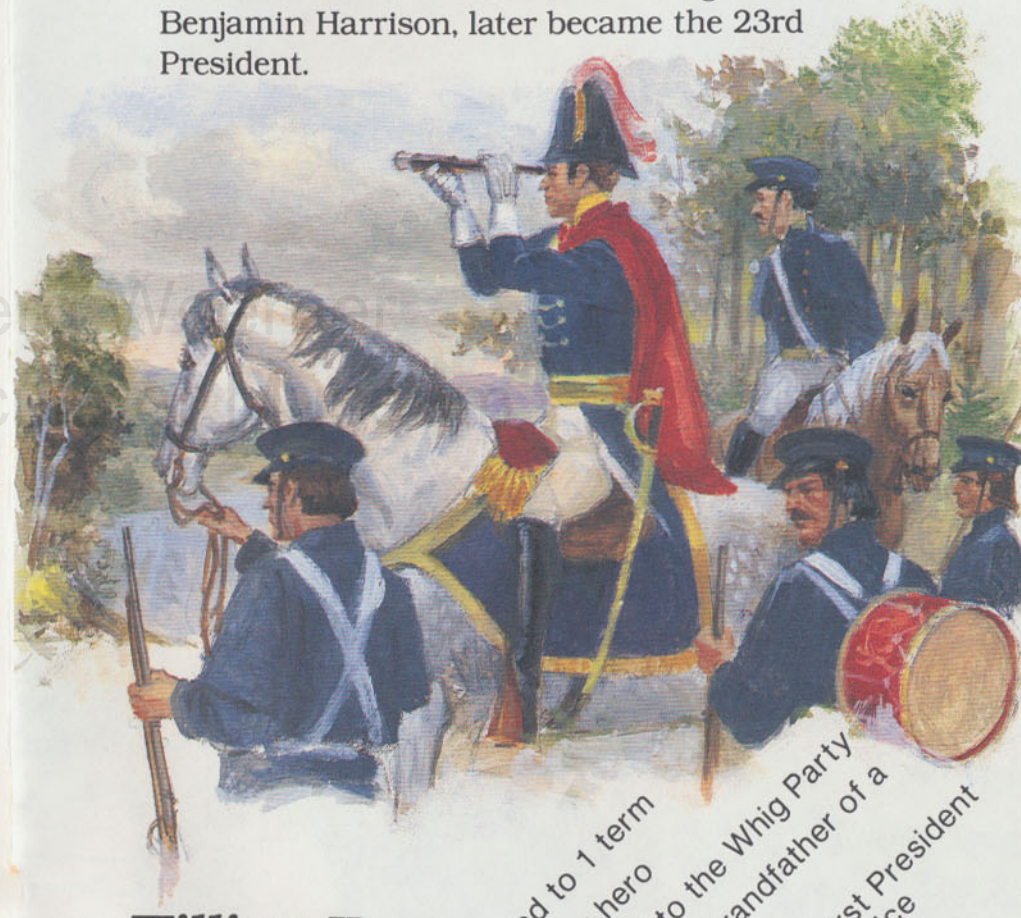


Andrew Jackson

7th President (1829-1837)

- was elected to 2 terms
- belonged to the Democratic Party
- was a war hero
- served in Congress
- is pictured on money

William Henry Harrison was also a war hero. He fought in a battle against the Indians at Tippecanoe Creek in Indiana. When he and John Tyler ran as the Whig party's candidates for President and Vice-President, their slogan was, "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too". They won, but a month after becoming President, Harrison died of pneumonia. He was the first President to die while in office. His grandson, Benjamin Harrison, later became the 23rd President.



William Henry Harrison

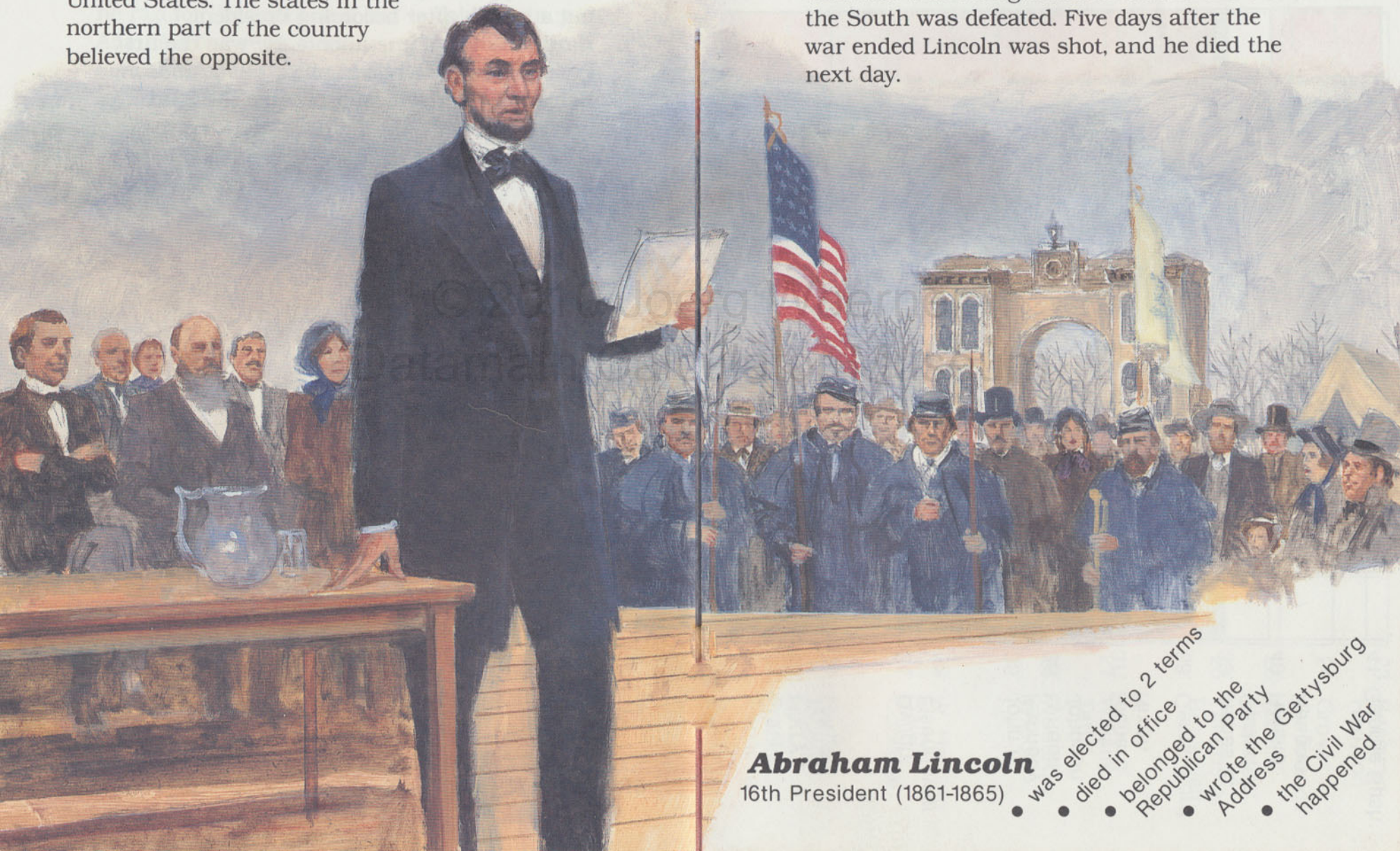
9th President (1841)

- was elected to 1 term
- was a war hero
- belonged to the Whig Party
- was the grandfather of a President
- was our first President to die in office

Abraham Lincoln was a good speaker and this helped him to become President. He was elected at a terrible time for the country. The states in the southern part of the country believed that the laws of each individual state were more important than the laws of the United States. The states in the northern part of the country believed the opposite.

The South decided to leave the United States and become a separate country. Lincoln said that no state may leave, and the country could not be divided.

Now the country was at war with itself. The Civil War was a long, horrible war. In the end the South was defeated. Five days after the war ended Lincoln was shot, and he died the next day.



Abraham Lincoln

16th President (1861-1865)

- was elected to 2 terms
- died in office
- belonged to the Republican Party
- wrote the Gettysburg Address
- the Civil War happened

