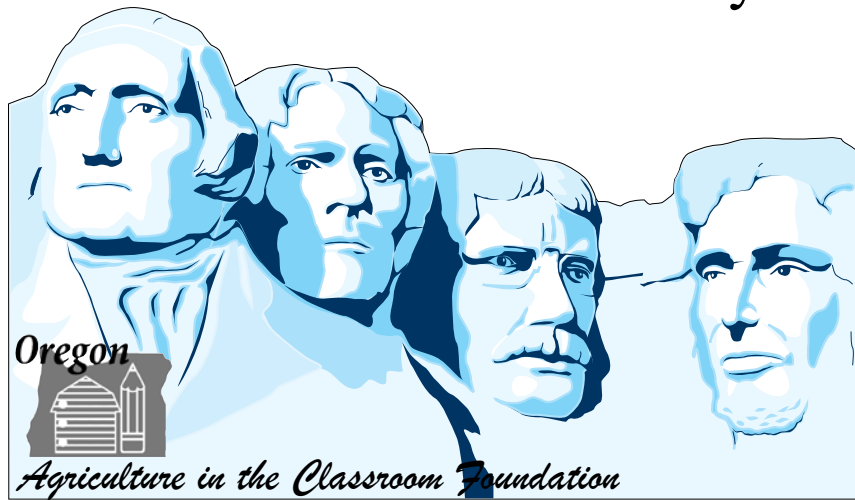


President's Day Celebration



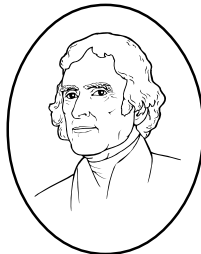
Did you know that two of America's greatest presidents, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, were also two of our first farmers? Other presidents have made great contributions and policies effecting American Agriculture. Here are some of those achievements by four of our greatest presidents depicted on Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. **Fill in the missing letters,** and move them to the numbered spaces below to discover a hidden message.



I know of no pursuit in life in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture, its breed of useful animals, and other branches of a husbandman's care.

- George Washington** was a farmer all of his life, except when he was fighting in the Revolutionary W__r. He liked to test new ways of plantin__ crops and using tools.
- Washington often w__ote about his love of the land and h__s home, Mount Vernon.
- He built one of Ameri__a's most unus__al barns with 16 sides to process foods inside and reduce waste.
- Washington promoted conservation, crop rotation and good til__age practices.
- He was the first farmer in American His__ory to use a m__le to pull a plow in his fields.

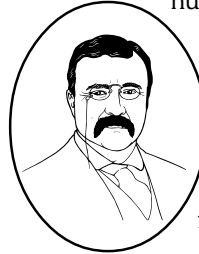
Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most wedded to its liberty and interests, by the most lasting bonds.



- Thomas Jefferson** was also a lifelong fa__mer, who agre__d with Washington that America's finest resource was its land.
- Some of Jefferson's most important contributions to a__riculture were the use of fe__tilizer and contour plowing.
- He was __ne of America's first farmers to bring crop rotation methods to his farm, to rene__ his soils and reduce erosion.
- When Jefferson was __n foreign lands, he sent new types of pla__ts back to America. Some of these plants included olives, rice, ve__etables and trees.
- Jefferson always encouraged farmers to learn more a__out agriculture through farm societies, education, and sci__ntific tes__ing.



- Abraham Lincoln** created the Uni__ed States Department of Agriculture in 1862.
- Lincoln signed a law that grant__d each state 30,000 ac__es of public land for __ach senator and each representati__e of the state in Congress at that time. This law established land-grant colleg__s in each state to promote the study of science, classical studies, military tactics, ag__iculture and mechanic arts.
- Theodore Roosevelt** spent two years ranching and hunting in the Dakota Territor__, which began his love with the Wil__ West.



14. Roosevelt set aside 125 million acres of western l__nd as national forests and signed the Pure Food and Drug Act in the __ear of 1906, which established the Food and Drug Administration, to ensure safer food and medicines.

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