



**Marietta City Schools**  
**2023–2024 District Unit Planner**

*Kindergarten Social Studies*

<b>Theme</b>	<i>Becoming a Leader</i>	<b>Unit duration (Days)</b>	<i>13 - 25 Days</i>
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**GA DoE Standards**

**SSKH1 – Identify the national holidays and describe the people and/or events celebrated.**

- i. Presidents Day (George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and the current president)

**SSKH2 – Identify the following American symbols.**

- f. Lincoln Memorial (identify image and associate with Abraham Lincoln and Presidents Day)  
g. Washington Monument (identify image and associate with George Washington and Presidents Day)  
h. White House (identify image and associate with Presidents Day and the current president)

**SSKCG2: Describe examples of positive character traits exhibited by good citizens, such as honesty, patriotism, courtesy, respect, pride, and self-control.**

**SSKE3 Explain how money is used to purchase goods and services.**

- b. Identify that U.S. coins and dollar bills (paper money) are used as currency.

**Information Processing Skills:**

1. compare similarities and differences
2. organize items chronologically
3. identify issues and/or problems and alternative solutions

**Themes and Enduring Understandings:**

**Culture:** The student will understand culture is how people think, act, celebrate, and make rules, and that it is what makes a group of people special

**Individuals, Groups and Institutions:** The student will understand that what people, groups, and institutions say and do can help or harm others whether they mean to or not.

**Location:** The student will understand that where people live matters

**Scarcity:** The student will understand that because people cannot have everything they want, they have to make choices.

### Essential Questions

#### Factual—

What does Presidents Day help us honor?

Who do we honor on Presidents Day?

What does the Washington Monument help us remember?

What does the Lincoln Memorial help us remember?

What is the job of our current president?

What are some situations where you must make a choice?

What things affect your way of life? (weather; types of land; closeness to water; etc.)

Who might need to know your address?

What should you do if your address changes?

#### Inferential—

How do we acknowledge Presidents Day?

How do monuments/memorials help us remember people?

How do people affect their families, communities, and country?

How do presidents affect the lives of people in our country? (and around the world?)

How can our choices affect others?

How do we think through a choice before we make it?

What can we do if we make a choice that hurts other people?

How does it feel when you are affected by someone else's choice?

How does where we live affect how we live?

How is your city/town/county different from other places?

How is your life similar to or different from the lives of children in other places?

How can knowing your address help you?

Why is the Washington Monument located in Washington, D. C.?

Why is the Lincoln Memorial located in Washington, D. C.?

#### Critical Thinking-

Why do we celebrate the holidays as a nation?

Why do people build monuments and memorials?

How do individuals impact the world around them?

Why do we remember George Washington today?  
 Why do we remember Abraham Lincoln today?  
 Why do we make choices?  
 Why is it important to know where you live?  
 What happens if you make a choice and then wish you had made a different one?  
 Why should we consider others when making choices?

Tier II Words- High Frequency Multiple Meaning	Tier III Words- Subject/ Content Related Words
Monument Memorial Remember President Choices Changes Address Money	George Washnigton Abraham Lincoln Lincoln Memorial Washington Monument White House Goods Services Coins

**Assessments**

**Summative Assessment(s):**

Becoming a Leader Unit Anticipation Guide and Assessment  
 This assessment is designed as a pre/post task. Teachers will read the statements and have students circle the agree or disagree icon before and after teaching the unit.  
 Standards: All GSE for this Unit.  
 \*Teachers can access the anticipation guides via the grade level Schoology Group.

**Theme Based Writing Task and Rubric:**

[Poems About Presidents](#) Integrate poetry to understand the childhoods and contributions of Washington and Lincoln

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[Remembering Mr. Washington: The Washington Monument](#) Learn about the Washington Monument- extension, create a monument for another deserving individual

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[Look What I Learned About Becoming a Leader](#) Students will complete a book sharing what they learned. High tech and low tech versions are included for teacher choice based on student skills

**All GSE for this Unit**

Objective or Content	Learning Experiences	Differentiation Considerations
<b>Teacher Resources</b>	<a href="#">Parent Information Letter</a> - edit for school specific information  Click <a href="#">here</a> for GADOE Content Video (For Teachers only) <a href="#">Teacher Notes</a> for this unit Additional unit information may be found at the <a href="#">GADOE Inspire Landing Page</a>	
<b>SSKCG2: Describe examples of positive character traits exhibited by good citizens, such as honesty, patriotism, courtesy, respect, pride, and self-control.</b>	<a href="#">Character Trait Web</a> Students will review characteristics of good citizenship traits and create a character web showing their understanding.	This lesson may need to be adjusted to provide multiple class examples.
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<p><b>SSKH2 – Identify the following American symbols.</b> f. Lincoln Memorial (identify image and associate with Abraham Lincoln and Presidents Day)</p>	<p><a href="#">Remembering Mr. Lincoln: The Lincoln Memorial</a> Learn about the Lincoln Memorial and what it symbolizes</p>	<p>Choose closing activities that best meet the needs of individual students. Consider completing activities in small groups.</p>
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<b>SSKG3 – State the street address, city, state, and country in which the student lives.</b>	<a href="#">Home Sweet Home</a> Review of map and globe skills and stating addresses by creating a model of their home or school-. Also integrates math concepts (shapes).	Teachers should decide whether to model construction of the entire house at once, or work segment by segment, with time for demonstration and the time for students to complete their own models for each component
<b>Recommended High Quality Complex Texts</b>		
<p> <i>Mr. Lincoln’s Whiskers</i> by Karen B. Winnick  <i>Abe Lincoln Remembers</i> by Ann Turner  <i>George Washington’s Teeth</i> by Debra Chandra  <i>Dear Mr. Washington</i> by Lynn Cullen  <i>Presidents’ Day</i> by Anne Rockwell  <i>The Story of the White House</i> by Kate Waters  <i>The Washington Monument</i> by Kristin L. Nelson  <i>What is Inside the Lincoln Memorial?</i> by Martha E. H. Rustada </p> <p> <b><u>Discovery Education Resources</u></b>  <a href="#">Legends about George Washington</a> DE Video  <a href="#">Song: Teacher and the Rockbots tour Washington DC</a>  <a href="#">About the Penny Song and Activity</a> DE resource- also discusses value of money </p>		