

Activity Book

For Kids Ages 10 and Under

THE PRESIDENT'S PHOTOGRAPHER



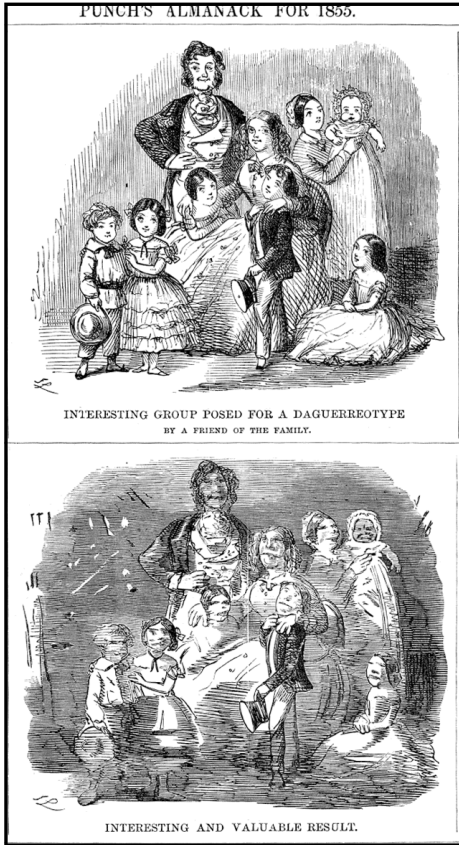
FIFTY YEARS INSIDE THE OVAL OFFICE



Early
Presidential
Photos

When Photography was New

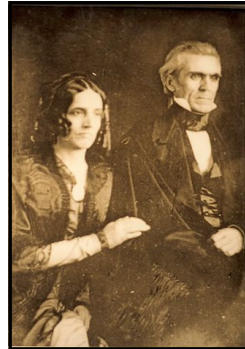
When photography was first invented, you had to **hold still for 10 to 20 minutes** or the picture would be blurry. Eventually it was only a couple seconds, but you still couldn't move an inch!



A cartoon from 1855 shows what happens if you move during a photograph.

Top: family posing for a photo

Bottom: the funny aftermath of moving during their photo



President Polk with wife Sarah Childress Polk in 1846. Polk was the first President to be photographed in office.

Activity: Strike a Pose!

Now hold it. Count how long you can go without moving. Have a friend watch to make sure you don't move an inch. Now can you see why people in old photos didn't smile?



First
Lady

Betty Ford in the Cabinet Room

What is the Cabinet Room?

You might ask: If this is the Cabinet Room, where are the cabinets?! The **President's Cabinet** is a group of people who help him make important decisions.

The President and his Cabinet hold important meetings in the **Cabinet Room**. Find the notepads, chandeliers, and flags.

The President sits at the table with his Cabinet, or staff. **Count the plates**. How many people can meet in this room?

Betty Ford

Betty Ford was married to Gerald Ford, President of the United States from 1974-1977. Earlier in her life, Betty had trained as a **dancer**. In this picture, she is dancing on the Cabinet Room table. What might this picture tell you about the **First Lady's personality**?

You know, I've
always wanted
to dance on the
Cabinet Room
table!

A Day
In The
Life

If you were presidential photographer, what would be your favorite part of the job?



A



B



D



C



E

- A. Riding in the presidential motorcade
- B. Working in the White House
- C. Taking photos of the President
- D. Riding on Air Force One
- E. Meeting new people
- F. All of the above

Pretend!

Act as Official Presidential Photographer

At Home Activity

Pretend that either your mom, dad, or guardian is the President, and you are his or her official photographer.

You will need:

- ◆ Parent's permission
- ◆ Camera



Official Photographer Scavenger Hunt

___ Take a formal picture, like these →



___ Take a family picture →



___ Take a picture of the person at work, either at home or at the office →



___ Take a picture of the person having fun →



Life
Beyond
Work

If you were President, which of the following activities would you choose to relax?

- A. Play an instrument (Clinton)
- B. Ride on a boat (Kennedy)
- C. Ride a horse (Reagan)
- D. Play basketball (Obama)
- E. Spend time with family (Bush, Sr.)



A



B



C



D



E

Presidential
Pets

Weirdest Presidential Pets

Draw a line to the
matching animal.

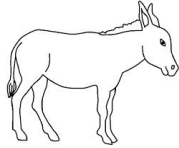
◆ **Herbert Clark Hoover** (1929-1933) had two alligators. **John Quincy Adams** (1825-29) was the first president to own an alligator. He kept it inside a White House bathroom!

◆ **Thomas Jefferson** (1801-09) had two grizzly bear cubs.

◆ **Calvin Coolidge, Jr.** (1923-29) had ten dogs, a goose, an antelope, a donkey, a bobcat, a lion, bears, a hippo, a wallaby, and more.



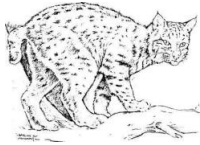
Bobcat



Antelope



Hippo



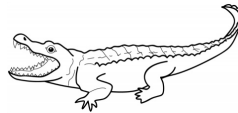
Donkey



Alligator



Lion



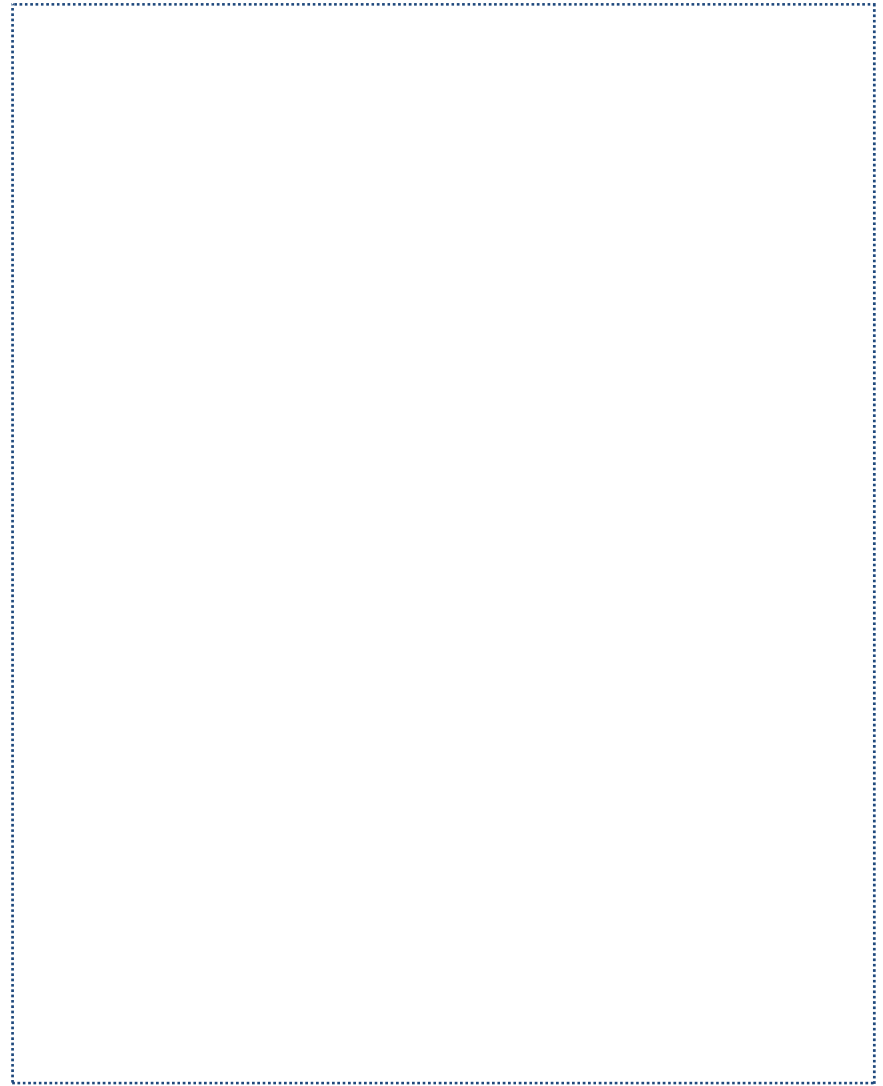
Wallaby



Bear

Draw!

If I were President, I would look like this:

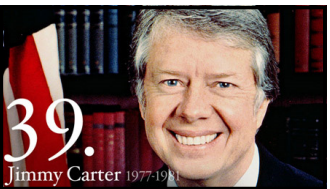
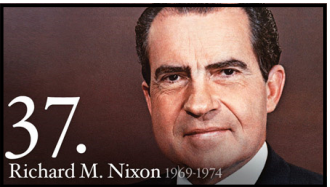


My name would be President _____.

50 Years
Of
Presidents

Draw Lines to Match

Match the President's Official Photo on the left to an exhibit photo on the right*



*President Carter is not pictured in the right column because he chose not to have an official photographer.

