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This Month's New Resources

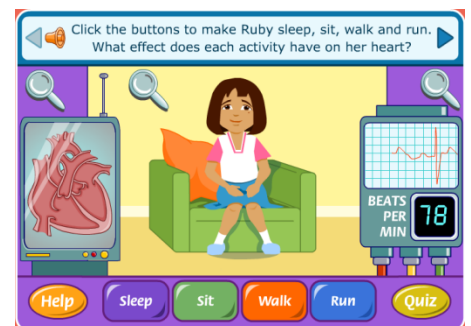
This month's resource updates include 58 new science resources for exploring health and nutrition.

To access these resources, login to your teacher account and click the search tab. Then, click "Search for resources by grade, subject and topic." Select a Grade. Then select Science.



Make Ruby sleep, sit, walk, and run to learn what it takes to keep your heart healthy.

Students become Amazing Food Detectives to help their peers become healthier.



View Another Teacher's Students

Did you know our new classroom management system allows more than one teacher to view a student's scores and give a student assignments? This feature was designed for special education teachers who share students with classroom teachers. It is also helpful for teachers who lead after school programs and tutoring programs.

Directions for adding "View Students" from another teacher to your account are found on page 5 of our [classroom management membership guide](#). **NOTE:** Your StarrMatica account administrator first must activate this feature in your account. Please contact us if you would like help adding View privileges to your teacher account.

Resource Gear Changes

In an effort to make StarrMatica's resources even more useful, we are spending the month of February updating the content under our resources gear. Instead of displaying the web address of a resource, we will be displaying a descriptive title. These titles will match the titles currently displayed in our three search options and in classroom management. This change (along with each resource description) will allow you to more quickly determine the content of a resource. Titles are blue and underlined just like the previous web addresses to let you know you will now be clicking a title to access each resource. Enjoy this new upgrade and please let us know if you have questions!



Upcoming Events

It is always nice to connect with you over the phone and through email, but we would love the opportunity to speak with you face to face! Here is where you can catch up with us in person:

February 28th – March 2nd : ICE Technology Conference, St. Charles, IL
Meet CEO Emily Starr in booth #318 or attend her class *iPad, Android Windows, Oh My! How to Choose a Tablet* on March 1st in Broadway C from 12:45-1:30 pm.

http://www.iceberg.org/ice_conference

March 7th-9th: NCTIES Conference, Raleigh, NC

Meet our Proven Learning partners in booths #315 and #317 or attend their presentation *Upgrade Your Classroom with Proven Certified Technology* on March 9th in room 205 at 12:15.

<http://www.ncties.org/conference/>

March 7th-9th: KYSTE Conference, Louisville, KY

Meet our Proven Learning partners in booth #210

<http://www.tmcshows.com/KYSTE/Registration/index.htm>

StarrMatica Featured Content

Did you know StarrMatica includes several full length video games? Your students can practice their reading and math skills in these creative worlds for 1-2 hours at a time. Note: Game progress cannot be saved, so it is best to start these games when you have a block of time available to allow students the opportunity to finish.



Errand Adventures

Use your knowledge of directions and nonfiction text features to run errands for your mom.

The Lost Tablet

Students answer inference questions as they search through the land trying to find pieces of The Lost Tablet.



Veggie Juice Stand

Use your money skills to run your own Veggie Juice Stand. Buy supplies, set your prices, manage your inventory, and make change. Choose from three levels of difficulty and see if you can make a profit. Hint: Your prices determine the level of difficulty when making change.



New Member Welcome

We welcome our newest members: Urban Academy Charter School, MN; Lanier Elementary, GA; and North Linden Elementary, OH!



Facebook Highlights

[The Hand-Washing Challenge](#)

[Presidents Day Interactives](#)



Twitter Highlights

[Create Comics](#)

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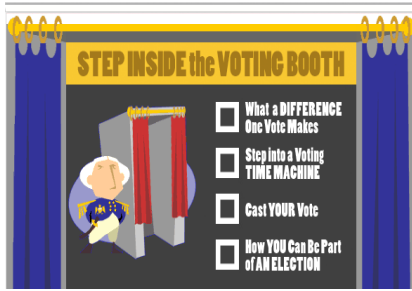
[Launchball](#)

Special Holiday Insert

Interactive Activities for Presidents Day

(Click the images below to visit the sites.)

Inside the Voting Booth



IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT

As President, you cannot do your job alone. You must choose a team of advisors who will help you make important, and often difficult, decisions. Pick your top three advisors by clicking within the circle. Make your decisions wisely for you cannot take back a nomination.

- Francesca Famous** is a glamorous celebrity who is adored by the public, but has no political experience. She's very rich and donated lots of money to help get you elected. If you don't select her, she may refuse to help pay for your reelection.
- Dr. Teresa Thermometer** is a well-known, but respected, physician. She's been practicing medicine for more than 20 years. She's a Democrat who is in favor of increasing taxes to provide health care for all Americans.
- General Betty Battle** is a high-ranking officer in the Army. She's a Republican who served in former President George Bush's cabinet. She's in favor of increasing military spending and sending more American troops to troubled areas like the Middle East and Africa.
- Thomas Teacher** is an experienced educator who supports smaller schools and smaller classes. He's a Democrat who is in favor of increasing taxes to help pay for more teachers in poor school districts.
- Will Treehugger** is a Republican who favors preserving national parks and establishing tougher pollution standards. He also opposes offshore drilling for oil in Florida and California.

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If You Were President....

JOB APPLICATION

President of the United States of America

First Name:

I am a:

I live in:

My favorite animal is:

My favorite sport is:

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The Portrait Puzzler: Who Am I?

INSTRUCTIONS: For each question asked, select the portrait of the person that best answers the question.

I felt the colonies should be independent from England, and wrote this in Common Sense. I also felt that "these were the times that try men's souls."

John Hancock by William Smith, 1776; Nigel Adams by Eschscholtz Meiss, 1804; John Adams by John Trumbull, c. 1793; Martha Washington by an unidentified artist, 1800-1825; Thomas Paine by Matthew Brown, 1786; G.W. of Charles Francis Adams; Benjamin Franklin by Joseph Elfreed Duplessis, c. 1785; G.W. of the Morris and Crowdsby Caffrey Foundation; Alexander Hamilton by James Sharples, c. 1786; Thomas Paine by William Sharp, 1793.

All images are details and are from the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution.

Portrait for Kids

LET'S SOLVE A MYSTERY!

In this game-based mystery, a curator has found a half-finished portrait of President George Washington by the great artist Gilbert Stuart. Curators at the National Portrait Gallery collect and care for treasured paintings of people, and research and interpret what the paintings tell us about the people and the people in the portrait. Curators find out a lot about a painting by following clues. Just like a detective story, here, we see George Washington, but the portrait doesn't look complete. Can you help find the missing parts?

Follow the clues to find the missing parts of the portrait. Use the red squares to uncover hidden parts of the portrait. Each correct answer will add a piece to the portrait—and help you learn something about the portrait.

[Solve the Mystery](#)

George Washington



Abraham Lincoln

Presidential Portraits

Translation: This man appears on both sides of the one-cent coin.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Options:

Drag and drop your choice here.

Which how the states developed beginning at 1650 through 1907. Lincoln was president from 1861-1865. To use this animation, right click and refresh this webpage.

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George Washington Quiz

Introduction

George Washington was the first president of the United States. He was well known in the military of the American Revolution and as a vital instrument in the shaping and founding of the constitution and the United States. How much do you know about George Washington?

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Abraham Lincoln Quiz

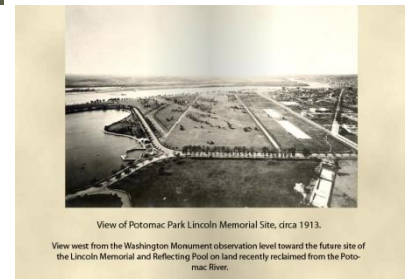
Introduction

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States of America. As President, he was very concerned about the expansion of slavery and worked very hard to abolish it. Many historians rank President Lincoln among the greatest Presidents in America's history. Take this quiz to find out just how much you know about the 16th President of the United States.

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Abraham Lincoln



eBook Note: Turn the page. Then click your mouse to make the page fully open.