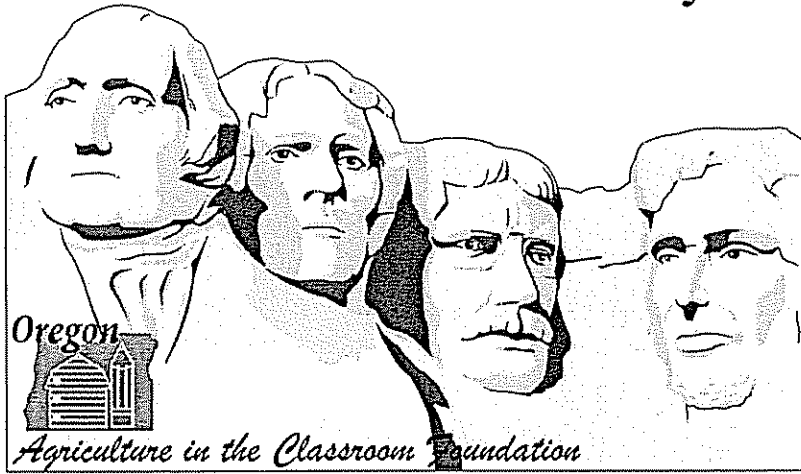


# President's Day Celebration



**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.*



1. **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.
2. Washington often w\_\_ote about his love of the land and h\_\_s home, Mount Vernon.
3. He built one of Ameri\_\_a's most unus\_\_al barns with 16 sides to process foods inside and reduce waste.
4. Washington promoted conservation, crop rotation and good til\_\_age practices.
5. He was the first farmer in American His\_\_ory to use a m\_\_le to pull a plow in his fields.

11. **Abraham Lincoln** created the Uni\_\_ed States Department of Agriculture in 1862.
12. 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.
13. **Theodore Roosevelt** spent two years ranching and hunting in the Dakota Territor\_\_, which began his love with the Wil\_\_ West.

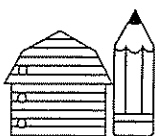
*Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most wedded to its liberty and interests, by the most lasting bonds.*



6. **Thomas Jefferson** was also a lifelong fa\_\_mer, who agre\_\_d with Washington that America's finest resource was its land.
7. Some of Jefferson's most important contributions to a\_\_riculture were the use of fe\_\_tilizer and contour plowing.
8. He was \_\_ne of America's first farmers to bring crop rotation methods to his farm, to rene\_\_ his soils and reduce erosion.
9. 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.
10. Jefferson always encouraged farmers to learn more a\_\_out agriculture through farm societies, education, and sci\_\_ntific tes\_\_ing.

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