McKinley Educational Lesson Plan - Grade Level 4

Ohio Standards: Social Studies Skills and Methods

Obtaining Information

1. Use primary and secondary sources to answer questions about Ohio history.

Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities

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1. Explain the importance of leadership and public service.

Objective: The students will research basic information on past presidents from the state of Ohio.

Activity One:

- 1. Begin by explaining how Ohio has become known as "the Mother of Presidents", and list the eight presidents who have come from Ohio. Either assign each student a president from Ohio or form eight groups, assigning each group a president from Ohio. Each student or group should find the following information: Name, place of birth, party affiliation, dates of presidential term(s), vice president and one interesting fact.
- 2. Next day List all information found on board. Pass out five pieces of paper to each student. Create a layer book by layering the papers on top of each other, keeping the top margins about one inch apart. Fold the papers in half so that each flap can be lifted to see printed information. Staple on the crease.
- 3. On each margin write the president's name. Under the flap, write all pertinent information found on the president.
- 4. Collect for possible grade or display on bulletin board.

Activity Two:

- 1. Begin by explaining how Ohio has become known as "the Mother of Presidents", and list the eight presidents who have come from Ohio.
- 2. Assign one president to each student. For homework, each student must find the following information on their president: Full name, place of birth, age at time of presidency, dates of presidential term(s), vice-president, party affiliation, 3 interesting facts, and pictures.
- 3. Create a book. Include information and pictures. Teacher will pass out a map of Ohio and the student will label correct city of birth for their assigned president.