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## INTRODUCTION

The *Brain Teasers* series provides ways to exercise and develop brain power! Each page stands alone and can be used as a quick and easy filler activity. The pages can be distributed to students as individual worksheets or made into transparencies for presentation to the entire class at once. The activities are especially useful in helping students develop:

- Logic and other critical thinking skills.
- Creative thinking skills.
- Research skills.
- Spelling skills.
- General vocabulary skills.
- General knowledge skills.

This U.S.A. activity book pays particular attention to the fabulous country in which we live. Along with a United States social studies curriculum, the activities here can be invaluable in introducing and reinforcing knowledge. They can also be used just for fun.

Great care has been taken in collecting accurate data for this book. As much as possible, the most current data has been used.

We hope you and your students will have great fun learning more about the country in which we live — the United States of America.

# SCRAMBLED NAMES

The names of fifteen U.S. presidents have been split into two-letter segments. The letters in each segment are in order, but the segments have been scrambled. In each group, put the pieces together to identify a president.

1. OW IG EI ER DW SE HT NH \_\_\_\_\_

2. LI LL MC WI ON IA NT \_\_\_\_\_

3. LD RD GE FO RA \_\_\_\_\_

4. EN RT VA MA NB IN UR \_\_\_\_\_

5. LD AN RO AG RE NA \_\_\_\_\_

6. GE CA CO LV OL IN ID \_\_\_\_\_

7. GE IN ON GE WA OR SH GT \_\_\_\_\_

8. PI FR CE IN ER AN KL \_\_\_\_\_

9. IN ON BE HA NJ IS RR AM \_\_\_\_\_

10. RA CO ML AB LN IN HA \_\_\_\_\_

11. OR SH GE BU GE \_\_\_\_\_

12. SE SG NT UL RA YS \_\_\_\_\_

13. RI DN ON CH IX AR \_\_\_\_\_

14. SE YR LT TE OO DD VE \_\_\_\_\_

15. SM IS JA ON ME AD \_\_\_\_\_

# FAMOUS AMERICANS

Write the name of the person described in each phrase below.

1. The author of *Poor Richard's Almanac* \_\_\_\_\_
2. The pioneer who planted apple trees \_\_\_\_\_
3. The writer of "The Star-Spangled Banner" \_\_\_\_\_
4. The pioneer who explored and settled Kentucky \_\_\_\_\_
5. The author of *The Sun Also Rises* and *The Old Man and the Sea*  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. The president of the Confederacy during the Civil War  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. The skillful promoter who started the Barnum and Bailey Circus  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. The first African American to play major league baseball  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. The seamstress who is said to have made the first official U.S. flag  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. The Native American who played professional baseball and football and won Olympic gold medals in track and field \_\_\_\_\_
11. The Lakota (Sioux) leader in the battle of the Little Bighorn in which Custer died \_\_\_\_\_
12. The founder of the American Red Cross \_\_\_\_\_
13. The author of *Little Women* and *Little Men* \_\_\_\_\_
14. The scientist who discovered more than 200 uses for peanuts  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. The advocate of women's suffrage who is pictured on the one-dollar coin  
\_\_\_\_\_