

The First Five Presidents: Who Should Win the Nobel Prize?

Instructions

1. Explain in a five-paragraph letter to the Nobel Nominating Committee why you are nominating the president for the Nobel Prize.
 - Choose three policies of the president to explain why he deserves the Noble Prize
 - BRIEFLY summarize the policy.
 - MOST IMPORTANTLY, explain WHY this policy makes the president a good person to receive the Nobel Prize.
 - This should focus on the impact the president made on the USA and on future presidents.

2. Choose for your nomination from the following presidents:
George Washington
John Adams
Thomas Jefferson
James Madison
James Monroe

3. Your letter must be at least 5 paragraphs, and must have the following information:
 - a. An introduction stating which president you nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and briefly why you nominated him.

 - b. The body of your letter should explain at least 3 reasons why you nominated this person. Each reason should have specific achievements or contributions this person made as president.

 - c. End your nomination with a concluding paragraph that sums up your reasons for nominating this person for the Nobel Prize.

 - d. Be persuasive. You need to convince the Nobel Committee that this president deserves the prize more than anyone in the world.

4. Submit to:

The Norwegian Nobel Committee
Henrik Ibsens gate 510255
Oslo, Norway

What makes a GREAT president?

Introduction: Make a Case

The first five presidents were all men of the Revolution. They all had a hand in fighting for American independence and the creation of the government. They were all great men with a long list of amazing accomplishments. Of the first five, who was the best? **Make a case for your president to win the Nobel Prize.**

1. Characteristics of a great leader:

Make a list of characteristics you would want in a president using the alphabet chart below:

ABC AMBITIOUS B _____ COURAGE	DEF	GHI	JK KINDNESS
LM LEADERSHIP	NO	PQ	RS
TUV	WX	YZ	3 MOST IMPORTANT:

2. Hi-lite your president and the events that show off the characteristics of a great president.

Washington	Adams	Jefferson	Madison	Monroe
Events	Events	Events	Events	Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precedents • Setting up the govt. • Paying National Debt • Whiskey Rebellion • Neutrality Proclamation • Advice in Farewell Address • Add your own ideas: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XYZ Affair • Peace with France • Father of the Navy • Military Preparation • Alien and Sedition Acts • Add your own ideas: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaugural Address • Attempts to shrink and limit the govt. • Louisiana Purchase • Barbary Pirates, War with Tripoli • Embargo Act • Add your own ideas: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle of Tippecanoe • Native Americans • Causes of War of 1812 • Leading troops outside Washington D.C. • Treaty of Ghent • Add your own ideas: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Era of Good Feeling • American System • Missouri Compromise • Treaties with Britain • Adams-Otis Treaty • Monroe Doctrine • Add your own ideas:

4. Next, create a **Thesis Statement** for a letter to the Nobel Nominating Committee to award the prize to your selected president using the **characteristics of a great leader**:

- Sample: President Abraham Lincoln should win the Nobel Prize for showing great **courage** and **intelligence** during his traumatic presidency (1861 – 1865).

President

5. To **complete your introduction**, write 2 sentences using the characteristics of a great leader with the events you hi-lited. Underline or hi-lite them in the sentence. Sample:

- Lincoln demonstrated **bravery** when he signed the **Emancipation Proclamation**. Also, Lincoln used **clever military policies** to hold the nation together during the terrible and destructive **Civil War**.

- Note: Try to use **synonyms: courage = bravery, intelligence = clever.**



Body of the Letter: Paragraph 2

<p><u>Green: Topic Sentence - State your claim.</u> Give one reason to award your president the Nobel Prize.</p>	<p>One reason president should win the Nobel Prize is</p>
<p><u>Yellow: Present your evidence.</u> Prove your claim. Explain the event</p>	<p>Evidence: What was the event? What did the president do? This event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • • • •
<p><u>Red: Elaborate: Connect the evidence to your reason to award the Nobel Prize.</u> Why does this event show the characteristics of a great leader for your president?</p>	<p>Elaborate: Why does this event prove your president should win Nobel Prize? This event proves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • •

