

Student Worksheet

DIRECTIONS

Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

STORY

Obama Team Starts to Take Shape, May Include One-time Rival Hillary Clinton

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http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/july-dec08/cabinet_11-25.html

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did President-elect Barack Obama hold a series of press conferences to introduce his economic team?

2. Who is Timothy Geithner?

3. What are the pros and cons of hiring staff who worked in the Clinton White House?

4. Why are analysts surprised by Obama's choice of Hillary Clinton for Secretary of State?

5. What is one way Obama might be like President Abraham Lincoln?

6. How might Obama be like Franklin Delano Roosevelt?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. Do you think President-elect Obama should emulate Abraham Lincoln or Franklin Delano Roosevelt? Explain your answer.

2. Do you think Hillary Clinton would be a good Secretary of State? Why or why not?

3. How do you think President Obama's approach to the economy will be different than President Bush's?

4. MAKE A TIME CAPSULE: Write down your predictions for what President Obama will do in his first 100 days. Put the predictions in a box and seal it until May 1, 2009. Then open the box and see how close you were!

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.