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 **Key Question***What makes a good president of the United States?* **On Your Own**

America has elected over forty presidents since 1776, but what are the traits of a good leader? The passages in this Close Reading Pack will give you some information you can use to find out.

1. Read the Key Question. Then read the passage and think about the president the passage describes. What main points about being a good president does the author explain? What details support these ideas? Take notes as you read, underlining or circling important ideas.
2. Look at the Main Idea and Details Chart below. Use it to write the main ideas and supporting details from the passage.

What makes a good president of the United States?	
Main Ideas	Supporting Details

3. Think about the Key Question. You can begin to answer it using the main ideas and details you found in the passage you read. Write your answer.

 **My First Answer**


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 **Key Question***What makes a good president of the United States?* **Share Your Ideas**

Meet with your team. Talk about each passage your team read.

1. Look at the Main Idea and Details Chart each person made. Summarize the important ideas in each passage. Ask other questions to broaden your discussion. Be sure team members can point to words and phrases in the passage to support their answers.

- *How are the presidents in the passages the same? How are they different?*
- *Which traits do these presidents have? How can you tell they possess these qualities?*
- *What makes these presidents good leaders?*

2. Complete the Main Idea and Details Chart below for all the passages you and your team read. Try to write one main idea for each passage.

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 **Answer the Key Question**

As a team, write an answer to the Key Question. Use details from the passages to support your answer.

*What makes a good president of the United States?***Our Team's Answer**


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