

McKinley Educational Lesson Plans - Grade Level 3

State Standards:

History: #1. Define and measure time by years, decades, centuries.

#2. Place local historical events in sequential order on a timeline.

#3. Describe changes in a community over time including changes in businesses, architecture, physical features, employment, education, transportation, technology, religion, and recreation.

Objective: The student will create a timeline of William McKinley's life in Niles before the Presidency, presidential terms, and his effect on Niles after his death.

Materials: Video - *The American President: William McKinley, Reluctant Apostle, 1897 – 1901*. Paper, Pencils, Ruler.

Procedure:

1. Introduce William McKinley and explain why he is an important part of the history of Niles, Ohio.
2. Watch video. (10 min. in length)
3. Review with students important highlights from the film, listing important dates and events on board.
4. Create timeline from given information.

Additional Activity (State Standard History #3):

Objective: By touring the McKinley Birthplace Home, students will be able to mentally, and visually compare lifestyles of the 19th and 21st centuries.

Before the Tour:

1. Discuss what students may already know about life in the 1800's.
2. Begin a KWL chart on board or large paper.

After the Tour:

1. Finish KWL chart.
2. Make a Venn diagram on board or large paper comparing life then and now. Make sure to include any similarities. For example, school, chores, clothing.