

Civics Puzzle Answer Key

1. veto
2. cabinet
3. precedent

(Challenge Sentence: Answers will vary but should use a word correctly in context.)

Teacher's Guide

Skill Focus

- Civics vocabulary in Presidents Day context
- Cloze reading comprehension
- Sentence-level application of academic words

Differentiation Tips

- Read passage aloud together before completion
- Provide illustrated vocabulary cards for younger learners
- Offer sentence starters like:
 - *"The president used a ____ because..."*
 - *"A group of advisors called the ____..."*

Engagement Ideas

- Quick class role-play: "You're the president!" - use a **veto** or consult your **cabinet**
- Create a "Presidential Word Wall" with these terms and images
- Students identify real-life examples of **precedents** set by presidents

Extension Activities

- Add 3-5 more civic vocabulary words for advanced students
- Write a short paragraph explaining how one of these terms is used by real presidents
- Research a famous presidential veto or a precedent that shaped history