

White House Whirl Answer Key

1. The president enjoyed school visits because they brought laughter into the building.
2. The scientists talked about a plan to keep rivers clean.
3. The president ensured all students felt included by delivering a speech about education and responding to questions.
4. They were curious about the presidential seal and secret tunnels in the White House.
5. The president signed a document to help schools get better technology.
6. The sigh suggests the president feels proud and fulfilled by their work.
7. The president kept things mysterious to maintain excitement and protect important secrets.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Reading comprehension (details + inference), Presidents Day connection
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide sentence starters for emerging writers
 - Highlight evidence in the text before writing answers
 - Offer oral response options for younger or developing readers
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Create a mock "presidential schedule" for students to role-play
 - Discuss what students would do if *they* were president for a day
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students write a follow-up scene from President Taylor's perspective
 - Research real responsibilities of U.S. presidents and compare to the story
 - Create a mini-poster about how presidents help communities