

## BLOXELS CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 7

# PRESIDENTIAL RUN CHALLENGE

### Lesson Description:

Students research a president/leader or historical figure, and then use Bloxels to tell a story about his/her life, their time in office, and what made him/her unique.

**Grade Levels:** K-8

**Timeline:** Five 40-minute class periods



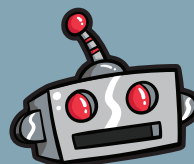
### CONTENT AREAS



Social  
Studies



ELA



Technology

### Objectives:

- **SWBAT:** research historical leaders; create presidential run Bloxels video games to teach/inform their classmates.

### Academic Standards:

- **CCSS** (ELA): W.K-8.2, W.K-8.7, RI.K-8.7
- **C3** (SS): D2.His.3.3-5, D2.His.3.6-8
- **ISTE** (Technology): 1c, 1d, 2b, 3a, 4c, 5c, 6a, 6d, 7c

### Technology Resources & Materials:

- Tablets
- Bloxels Boards & Cubes
- Bloxels Builder App
- Storyboards
- Bloxels planning paper

# ACTIVITY:



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- Students pick a leader and research them, either individually or in small groups.
  - ~ Students should learn about their life, political achievements, and other historical facts - focusing on things you can demonstrate through the art and dialog of their video game.
- Students then use their research to complete a storyboard to plan a narrative around the leader.
- Students should then convert their story onto Bloxels planning paper.
- Once ready, students will begin using the Bloxels gameboards, cubes, and the Bloxels Builder app to tell their story through an interactive game experience.
  - ~ Note: Designating the following roles to group members may be helpful: “character developer,” “level designer,” and “level decorator” (these can rotate).
- Sample game for Abraham Lincoln:
  - ~ Abe Lincoln’s cabin, collect wooden nickels as coins, and add dialog that tells the story about how he was the 16th president by using a white story block.
- Once done, each expert group can share their game with the class so that the class learns about each important historical leader/figure.
- For an added bonus, students can design the flag that was used at the time of their leader’s time in office, and incorporate this into their layout/background.