

## THE LIFE OF ZACHARY TAYLOR FOR AGES 8+

### \*FUN FACTS\*

Before his own presidential election, Zachary Taylor had never even voted for president before!

Taylor's wife Margaret said she prayed that he would lose the election of 1848. After years of traveling the country as the wife of an army officer, she was ready for him to retire.

Taylor had barely been president a year when he died after a brief illness. In 1991, Taylor's body was dug up so it could be tested to see if he had, in fact, been poisoned. The result? He was not! He died of gastroenteritis, an intestinal infection.

### ACTIVITY #1



While in the army, Taylor was called "Old Rough and Ready" by his troops. See if you can match these presidential nicknames with the correct president:

"Honest Abe"

a. George Washington

"The Sage of Monticello"

b. Abraham Lincoln

"Father of his country"

c. Thomas Jefferson

### ACTIVITY #2



If you could have dinner with a president, which one would it be? What would you ask him?

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### ACTIVITY #3



Fill in the blanks to complete the president's last name.

1. K \_ N N \_ \_ Y

2. \_ B A \_ A

3. R \_ \_ S E V E \_ \_

4. \_ U \_ \_

5. A \_ A \_ S

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DID YOU KNOW?  
ZACHARY TAYLOR SERVED IN THE U.S.  
ARMY FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS BEFORE  
BECOMING PRESIDENT. OF THE 44  
PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENT,  
26 HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY.