

# WHO AM I?

**Fun Guessing Games  
About 100 Famous  
Americans in History!**



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*Exceptional Books for Teachers  
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**Progressively more detailed clues slowly reveal  
an important figure from American history.**

**Try it!**



- ❶ I am a man who lived from 1847 to 1931.
- ❷ As a child, I loved to read science books and build models.
- ❸ I founded 14 companies, including *General Electric*.
- ❹ I was known as "the Wizard of Menlo Park."
- ❺ I invented the light bulb!

**How many clues until you guessed Thomas Edison?**

Instructions show you how to turn these simple quizzes into powerful teaching tools. Use them as warm ups, wrap ups, and even assessments! Kids love to play so they make a perfect reward. You can play in large and small groups, on teams, with and without points, and even on the included game board. A proven winner with students!

Grades 4 and Up • 100 Historical Figures

Introduction explains many different ways to play.

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# To The Teacher

Welcome to *Who Am I? Fun Guessing Games About 100 Famous Americans in History!*

*Who Am I?* is both a simple teaching tool and a powerful classroom resource. It's simple because it works on a basic, easy-to-understand premise: gradually revealing more and better clues until a mystery is solved. It's powerful because this technique can be utilized in a variety of ways to reach and delight kids.

## ***Why Students Love It***

Everyone loves a good mystery, and that's a big part of *Who Am I?'s* appeal. Also, when kids are giving the clues, they enjoy the prestige of being “in the know”; when they are guessing, they enjoy the chance to demonstrate their knowledge—and win the game.

## ***The Historical Figures***

*Who Am I?* provides guessing games about 100 famous people in American history. A quick glance at the Table of Contents tells you who they are. These individuals were selected because they played notable roles in American history and are widely studied in school. Educated Americans are expected to be familiar with these people and their accomplishments. The list was also designed to portray people from a variety of endeavors. So the list includes political and military figures as well as inventors, authors, and astronauts. For ease of use, the figures are presented alphabetically by last name.

## ***The Guessing Games***

Five clues are provided for each historical figure. The clues are in the first person, as if spoken by the actual individual. The five clues are arranged in a sort of inverted pyramid, from the most general (Clue 1) to most specific (Clue 5).

Typically, the clues provide these types of information, with Clue 1 being consistent, Clues 2-4 in various orders, and Clue 5 close to a giveaway.

1. Gender and life dates
2. Geographical region
3. General skills or knowledge
4. Historical context
5. Specific accomplishment

## ***How to Play***

The basic game is simple. The person playing the historical figure asks aloud “*Who Am I?*” He or she then reads the first clue and asks “Do you know who I am?” If no one knows, the person playing the historical figure reads the next clue and asks “Do you know who I am?” The process is repeated until the historical figure is identified or not.

# Who Am I?

- 1 I am a woman who lived from 1744 to 1818.
- 2 I was one of the few women of my time to be familiar with philosophy, political science, and literature.
- 3 The letters I wrote have helped people understand what my times were really like.
- 4 I was the mother of the sixth president of the United States.
- 5 I was the second First Lady of the United States.

Who Am I?

- 1 I am a man who lived from 1735 to 1826.
- 2 I was a vocal opponent of the Stamp Act.
- 3 I nominated *George Washington* to be commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.
- 4 I was the first vice president of the United States.
- 5 I was the second president of the United States.

Who Am I?

# Who Am I?

- 1 I am a man who lived from 1767 to 1848.
- 2 I was Secretary of State to James Monroe.
- 3 I was the sixth President of the United States.
- 4 John and Abigail Adams were my parents.
- 5 I was the first son of a President to become President.

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Who Am I?

- 1 I am a woman who lived from 1820 to 1906.
- 2 I learned to read and write at age 3.
- 3 I gave 75 to 100 speeches a year for most of my life.
- 4 I appear on a coin.
- 5 I spent my life working for women's suffrage.

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