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James Madison Timeline Questions

Directions: Using the Timeline about James Madison on this site:
<http://www.potus.com/jmadison.html> answer the following questions.

Questions for Grades 4 – 8:

1.) During what years was James Madison a member of the House of Representatives?

2.) Which Secretary of State during Madison's presidency later became America's 5th president?

3.) During which years did Madison serve as Secretary of State under Thomas Jefferson?

4.) How many terms did Madison serve as President? _____

5.) How much money did Madison make a year while he was President? _____

6.) In what year was Washington D.C. burned by the British? _____

7.) How tall was James Madison? How much did he weigh while he was President?

8.) From what college did Madison graduate? _____

9.) What was James Madison's nickname? _____

10.) What clothing was James Madison the first President to wear? _____

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Questions for Grades 7 – 8:

Reflecting on what you’ve read about James Madison, and knowing how important it is for Presidents today to appear on television, do you think Madison would have been elected if he lived today? Write a paragraph.

Who was Publius? What did he write and why did he write them? You may click on this link for help: <http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/documents/1786-1800/the-federalist-papers/> if you need it.)

President Madison was sickly as a child and suffered from the “Falling Sickness”. Do you believe these hardships ultimately made him a stronger person? Why or why not?

Answer Key: James Madison Timeline

1. 1789-1797
2. James Monroe
3. 1801-1809
4. 2
5. \$25,000
6. 1814
7. 5ft 4in; 100 lbs
8. College of New Jersey
9. Father of the Constitution
10. long trousers
11. Answers will vary
12. "Publius" was a pen name used by James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, & John Jay. The Federalist papers were written to convince Americans to adopt the Constitution.
13. Answers will vary