



## Teacher's Notes: Barbara Bush

**General Tips:** The goal is to build background knowledge while leading an engaging discussion on any and all information that can be talked about on a given page. The items that you choose to bring up or focus on can be modified for the students you are working with. For example, if you have a student who can point to something in the picture, answer yes/no questions be sure to incorporate a lot more of that as you go through the book. On the same token, be sure to ask a lot of comprehension questions and critical thinking questions at the level appropriate for students working on those skills. There is something for everyone.

**Addressing problem solving:** Throughout the e-book, help students identify the problems that are involved and choice making opportunities throughout the article.

**Page 1:** Barbara Bush is a very old lady. She is 92. She is almost 100 years old. Her husband used to be one of the presidents in the United States. She is not president now, but was before. **Point:** Barbara Bush, jacket, hand, earrings, lips, hair. **Questions:** Why do you think Barbara has her hand on her heart? Do you know anyone named Barbara? Do you know anyone who has white hair? Who is the first lady now?

**Page 2:** Barbara's husband is George H.W. Bush. She is 92, so he is almost 100 too! He used to be the president, but he is not anymore. He was the president about 25 years ago. **Point:** Barbara, George H.W. Bush, jacket, tie, pearl necklace, belt, buttons. **Questions:** Have you seen Barbara and George on TV? Who is the president of the U.S. now? Who is the first lady?

**Page 3:** When George H.W. Bush was president, Barbara lived in the White House. That is where the president lives. **Point:** White House, Cherry Blossom trees, lawn, fountain, secret servicemen on roof. **Questions:** Who lives in the White House? Did Barbara live in the White House? Who lives in there now? Does Barbara live in there now?

**Page 4:** Barbara and George H.W. Bushes son became the president after Barbara's husband! His name was George too. People called him George W. Barbara's son lived in the White House when he was president. **Point:** George W. Bush, shirt, tie, jacket, nose, eyes, eyebrows, teeth, hair, flag. **Questions:** Was Barbara's husband president? Was Barbara's son president? What is her son's name?

**Page 5:** Barbara Bush is very old. She is very sick. She has been having problems with her heart. She is in the hospital. She lives in Texas. **Point:** hospital bed, lady, monitor, nurse, sheets. **Questions:** Why is Barbara in the hospital? Do you know anyone who has been in the hospital? Have you ever been sick?

**Page 6:** Barbara is not going to get better. She is too old. The doctors can't help her anymore. On April 15<sup>th</sup> Barbara decided that she doesn't want anymore treatments. She wants to rest. **Point:** April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Questions:** What day of the week is April 15<sup>th</sup>? Is Sunday on the weekend? What do people do on Sunday? What is the date today? Is Barbara going to get better?

**Page 7:** Barbara Bush is someone that a lot of people like. She was known for her white hair. She did not color her hair when it started to get gray. **Point:** clowns, pearl necklace, white hair, earrings, watch, bowtie, hats **Questions:** What are those people dressed up as? What color is Barbara's hair? Why did she not color it? Do you know anyone who has white hair?

**Page 8:** Did you notice that Barbara is always wearing a pearl necklace? It is fake. Fake means it is not real. The necklace is made of plastic. It is not made of pearls. **Point:** earrings, pearl necklace, white hair, nose, smile **Questions:** What does 'fake' mean? Do you know anyone who wears necklaces? Earrings?

**Page 9:** Many people really like Barbara Bush. She was on TV a lot because her husband and her son were both presidents. Barbara will die soon. She is very old and sick. **Point:** Barbara Bush, George H.W. Bush, green dress, purple dress, high heeled shoes, jacket, tie. **Questions :** Will people be sad when Barbara dies? What do you know about Barbara?