



Teacher's Notes: George H.W. Bush Dies

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: Right now the president is Trump. Before Trump was Obama. 30 years ago it was George H.W. Bush. He used to be the president of the U.S. When he was the president he lived in the White House. Right now, Trump lives in the White House. Whoever is president lives in the White House. **Point:** George H.W. Bush, American flag, White House **Questions:** Who was the president 30 years ago? What was his name? Who is that man? What country is he the president of? Where did he live when he was president?

Page 2: Before George H.W. Bush was president he was in the Navy. The Navy is part of the military. He was a pilot. A pilot flies airplanes. He was a pilot during World War 2. He was not the president when he was a pilot. He was a pilot before he was the president. **Point:** George Bush, plane, seat belt, helmet **Questions:** Was George Bush in the Navy? What did he do in the Navy? What does a pilot do? Was George a pilot? Is he a pilot now?

Page 3: After George was a pilot he went to Yale University and studied. He got a job working in the oil business. Oil is what you put in your car. Oil is deep in the dirt. See the picture of the machine in the Ocean? That machine is pumping oil out from the ground. Bush used to own a company that got oil out of the ground. People paid for the oil to put in their cars. Gas for your car is made of oil. Gas is gasoline. Bush was very rich. **Point:** gasoline pump, car, oil rig **Questions:** What business did Bush own? What is oil used for? What is gasoline made of? What do cars need? Why do you go to the gas station? Was Bush rich? Why?

Page 4: George lived in Texas. He lived in a mansion. He was very rich. **Point:** Texas, your state, house **Questions:** What state do you live in? Which state did Bush live in? Where was the oil business he had? Where did Bush live? Where was Bush's house?

Page 5: Bush lived to be a very old man. He was 94 when he died. He was almost 100 years old. When people die in the hospital, they put a sheet over their head. He died on November 30th. That was Friday. **Point:** doctor, man, lady, Bush **Questions:** Why is there a sheet over Bush's head? How old was he when he died? When did he die? Why is the lady crying?

Page 6: George H.W. Bush's wife was Barbara. Barbara Bush died in April. She is dead. So is George Bush. When someone is buried in a cemetery they put a stone with the name of the person who died on it. **Point:** Barbara, George, grave stone. **Questions:** Who was George's wife? Is she alive? When did she die? Is George dead? Is Barbara dead?

Page 7: George and Barbara have a son who was also a president. He is still alive. His name is George W. Bush. Both George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush were presidents. First the dad was president, and then later his son was. George W. is visiting his dad in the hospital before he died. **Point:** George H.W., George W. **Questions:** Is George H.W. dead? Is George W. dead? Who did George W visit in the hospital?

Page 8: There is going to be a memorial service in Washington, D.C. for George H.W. Bush. A memorial service like a funeral for a person who has died. When someone dies, there is a funeral or memorial service. The memorial service is going to be at a famous Catholic church in Washington D. C. The White House is in Washington, D.C. too. **Point:** Catholic church, Washington, D.C., funeral **Questions:** Where is the memorial service going to be? Is a memorial service like a funeral? What church is the memorial service going to be in?

Page 9: The coffin with George H.W. Bushes body is going to be buried in Houston, Texas. Houston is a city in Texas. When he is buried they will put a gravestone where he is buried. **Point:** gravestone, Texas. **Questions :** Where will Bush's grave be? What is a gravestone? Is George H.W. Bush dead?