ADDENDUM – This just looks too good to not share, especially since Presidents’ Day is next week…

<http://www.readworks.org/presidents-day?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=011014%20Presidents%20Day%20EST> This is a great list with links to the passages & questions with 2 or 3 passages per grade level. There are lots of great excerpts from speeches.

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Interesting Info as you plan…

1. Olympics in the classroom – blog with some nice links to activities

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/winter-olympics-2014-learning-resources-matt-davis>

1. Close Reading Strategies – could be helpful when reading in any curriculum
	1. Here’s an example I’ve used before… (close reading template document in attachment)
	2. You could adapt this to fit other disciplines, though…
	3. Could adapt *World of Short Stories* template, especially for science & social studies in attachment)
2. Really nice, FREE website with tons of reading selections for every class & grade level - <http://www.readworks.org/>
	1. CAUTION – at first glance, it looks like the selections stop at grade 6, but if you select “Reading Passages”, there are a good number up through grade 8.
* At the conference I attended last week, I did hear some interesting strategies and suggestions for helping students manage these complex texts, so I will be working on some examples to provide you a little later.
* Also, there were some nice “freebies” from lots of vendors, so I will try to organize my loot and share with those of you who may be interested.