

The Boy from Abilene

Do you recognize this boy? He was born in Texas and when he was two years old, his family moved to Abilene, Kansas. When he was about 8 years old he and his family moved into this house, where it still stands. This boy loved many of the same things that you love. Spending time with family and friends, playing indoor and outdoor games, playing sports, and camping and fishing.



Have you guessed who it is? YES! Dwight D. Eisenhower!

When Dwight and his brothers were growing up in this house, they were responsible for many chores. Some of those chores included planting, weeding, harvesting, and helping to can and store foods for the winter months.

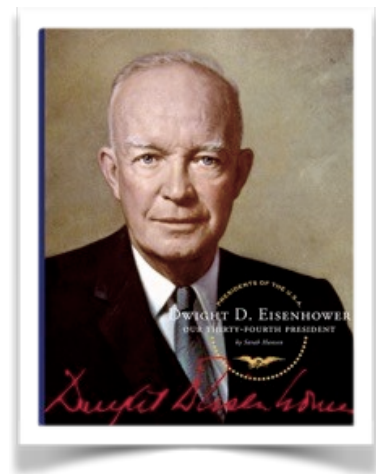
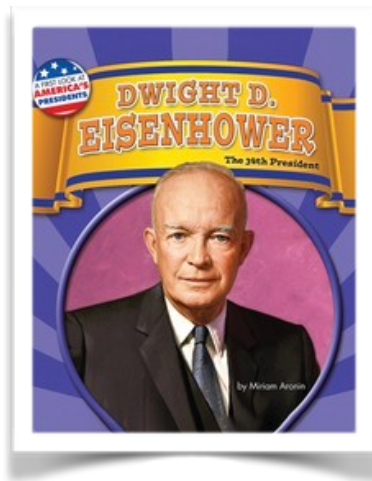
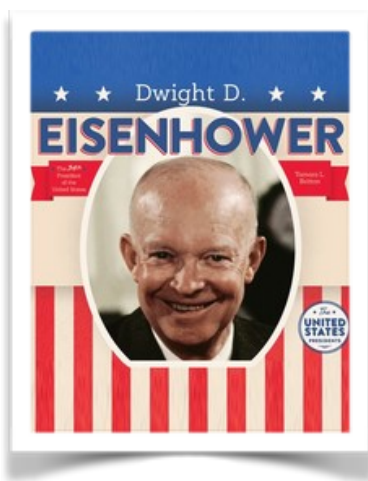


The family was large, Dwight had 5 brothers and he and his brothers lived in the house on fourth street with their mother, father, and grandfather! Because it was a big family, there wasn't a lot of extra money for fishing gear and sports equipment. Dwight's father knew that having those things were important to Dwight and his brothers, so each of them was given a parcel of ground to plant their own gardens. The crops they grew could be sold for their spending money. Dwight studied to find the most popular vegetables and planted cucumbers and corn. When his crops were ready, he would harvest them and sell them to people in town. Dwight's brother didn't care for selling vegetables, but Dwight didn't mind and was very successful! His home is now a museum and if you visit, you can see where he planted his garden!

Using your Epic! App, you can learn more about the life of Dwight D. Eisenhower. If the books are too difficult, ask an older brother or sister or adult to read to you. There is also a video you can watch to learn more about him.

When the museum reopens, you should visit his boyhood home and museum! You'll love it!

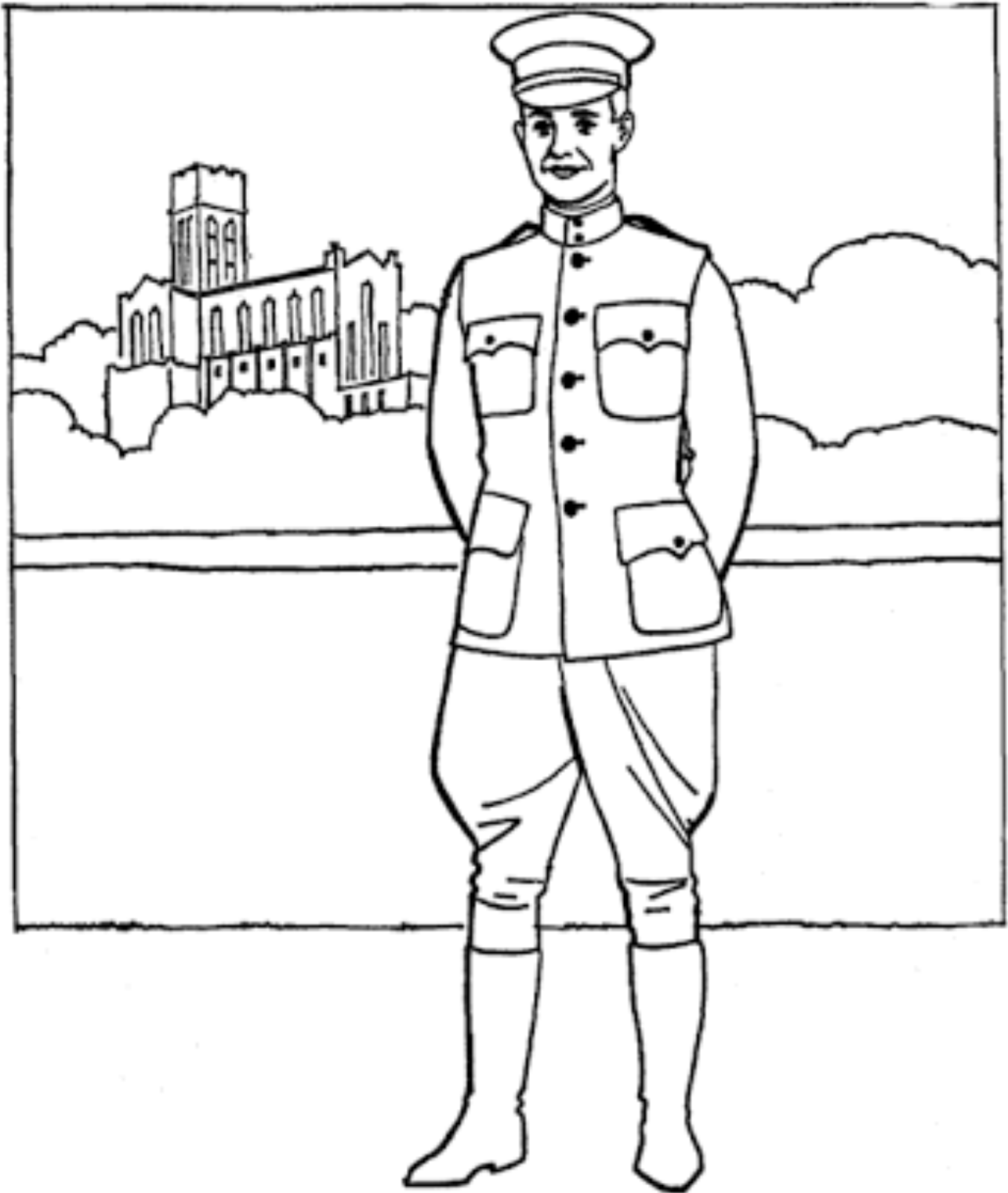
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Dwight D. Eisenhower graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1915.

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Dwight D. Eisenhower became a five star general and great leader in World War II.
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Dwight D. Eisenhower became the 34th President of the United States.
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