

# Read. Think. Explain.

In trying to understand an article, it's important to read through it carefully and thoughtfully, focusing on the words the author chose *and* thinking about the article's big ideas.

In this activity, you'll answer a series of questions about America's First Children from history and about the Obama girls to understand how these kids are alike and how they are different.

**Directions:** Answer the questions below, using information and details from the article to back up your ideas.

1. What can make being a First Child a lonely experience?

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2. What are some examples of ways First Children have entertained themselves in the past?

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3. What are the Obamas doing to try to ensure that Sasha and Malia have a normal childhood in the White House?

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4. What do you think you would enjoy most and least about being a President's child?

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5. Do you think it's fair for the Obama girls to be "the most watched kids in America," or do you think they should have more privacy? Explain your answer.

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