

Read for Details • White House Pets • 1

When you read for details, remember:

- A **topic** is what a text is mostly about.
- A **detail** is important information that tells more about the topic.
- Details answer **questions** such as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how*.

Read “First Dogs.”

Find the topic and important details.

Then mark the text.

First Dogs

The White House is home to the President, his family, and their dogs! Many dogs have lived in the White House. President Obama gave his daughters a big, playful puppy. They named it Bo. President James Buchanan had the biggest dog. It was named Lara. Lara weighed 170 pounds! Other White House dogs were Fido, Big Ben, and Buddy.

Read for Details Text Marks

-  Box the **topic**.
-  Underline important **details**.

Mark the Text

Find the topic and important details.

-  Box the topic.
-  Underline what pet President Obama gave to his daughters.
-  Underline who had the biggest dog.

Read “Wild Pets.”

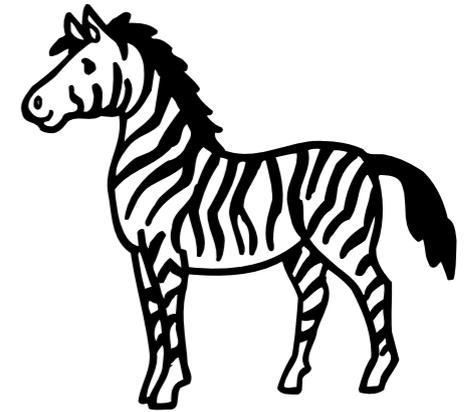
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Then mark the text.

Wild Pets

1 Some Presidents had wild animals for pets. Thomas Jefferson sent explorers out west. They sent back a big box. Two bear cubs were inside. The President made the bears his pets. He built a cage on the White House lawn. He walked the bear cubs in the garden.

2 John Quincy Adams had a pet alligator. The alligator was a gift from a friend. The President kept it in the East Room. It snapped its jaws at visitors. Teddy Roosevelt had 40 pets in all. He loved wildlife. His pets included a zebra, a lion, and five bears.



Mark the Text

1 Find the topic and important details.

Box the topic.

— Underline what animals explorers sent to President Jefferson.

2 Find important details.

— Underline who had a pet alligator.

— Underline how many pets Teddy Roosevelt had.

Read “Family Pets.”

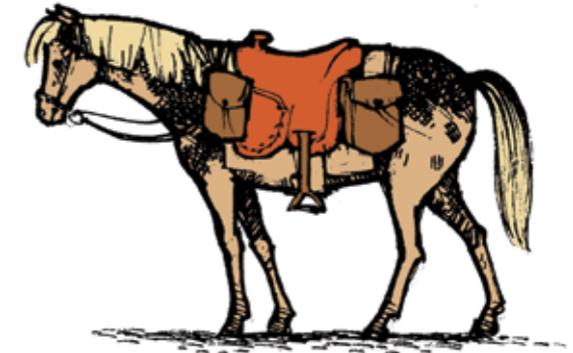
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Family Pets

1 The children of some Presidents had pets that caused trouble in the White House. President Abe Lincoln had a young son named Tad. Tad owned a pair of goats. They were named Nanny and Nanko. The goats ran all over the White House. They pulled chairs like racing carts.

2 Teddy Roosevelt’s children had all kinds of pets. His daughter Alice had a green snake. Alice loved to carry it to parties. She would let the snake loose. Then she waited for the screams. Alice’s brother was named Archie. He had a pony called Algonquin. Once, Archie became very sick. His brothers knew how to cheer him up. They put the pony in the White House elevator. Then they took him up to Archie’s room. Archie felt better. But the pony didn’t want to leave!



Mark the Text

- 1** Find the topic and important details.
- Box the topic.
 - Underline Tad Lincoln’s pets’ names.
- 2** Underline the important details.
- Who had a green snake for a pet?
 - How did Archie Roosevelt’s brothers make him feel better?