

Martin Van Buren - Worksheet

Read the Famous New Yorker profile of Martin Van Buren. Then answer the following questions.

1. How old was Martin Van Buren when he quit school?
2. How did he learn law? About how old was Van Buren when he started his law practice?
3. What was Van Buren's first political office?
4. How was John Quincy Adams elected as President of the United States?
5. Which President did Van Buren serve as Secretary of State?
6. What party did Van Buren belong to when elected as our eighth President?
7. Looking at a detailed map of New York State, how far away is Kinderhook from your school?

Newspaper Tie-In

Before Martin Van Buren was President he serviced as a New York State Attorney General and as a Senator. Look through recent editions of your newspaper for articles about who our Attorney General and New York Senators are today. Choose one to compare and contrast with Van Buren. Additional research may be necessary, go to www.senate.gov for links to Senators' web pages or go to the NYS Attorney General webpage at www.oag.state.ny.us.