On October 1, 1924, James Earl Carter was born in Plains, Georgia. James became better known as Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States. He served as President from 1977 to 1981.

Jimmy Carter was raised on a farm where his father grew peanuts. As a young boy about five years old, he sold peanuts on the streets of Plains.

Carter was a good student and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1946.

After Carter’s father died in 1953, he left the navy and returned home to run the family farm.

Before he became President, Carter was elected to the Senate in Georgia. He later became the governor of that state.

As President, Carter helped bring about a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

The population of the U.S. was about 228 million people in 1981, the year President Carter left office.

Carter was defeated in the 1980 election by Ronald Reagan. After Reagan took office, Carter returned to his home in Plains.

It was in 1982 that Carter wrote a book entitled Keeping Faith: Memoirs of a President.

Beginning in the mid-1980s, Carter began working as a volunteer carpenter for a nonprofit group that builds houses for the poor.

In September 1994, former President Jimmy Carter helped the United States government bring about a peaceful agreement to remove the military leaders of the Caribbean country of Haiti.
JAMES EARL CARTER, JR.

Across:

3. In 1994, Carter helped negotiate an agreement with _____.


9. Carter was born in ____, Georgia.

10. Carter was the governor of _____.

11. _____ were grown on Carter's farm.

Down:

1. Carter was born in the month of _____.

2. In the 1980s, Carter volunteered as a _____.

5. Carter was the _____ of Georgia.

6. Carter was raised on a _____.

7. Carter helped bring about peace between Egypt and _____.

8. Carter graduated from the Naval ____ in 1946.

9. Jimmy Carter was elected the 39th ____ of the United States.

Research: Read about George Washington Carver in an encyclopedia. What did he do that made peanut farming a big business?
Facts
1. When and where was James Earl Carter, Jr. born?

2. What number president was Carter? When did he serve?

3. What did Carter’s parents grow on their farm?

Locating the Answer
4. Write the sentence that tells what Carter did as President.

Sequence
5. Number these events in the order that they happened.
   ____ Carter served as President of the United States.
   ____ Carter began working for a nonprofit group that builds houses for the poor.
   ____ Carter was the governor of Georgia.

Vocabulary
6. Which word from the story means “an agreement made by two or more political groups or nations”?
   a) nonprofit
   b) treaty
   c) served

Fact or Opinion
7. Jimmy Carter was the hardest-working president in America’s history.

Conclusion
8. From this story, you can tell that
   a) Carter did not like being President of the United States, so he only ran for one term.
   b) Carter is very concerned about keeping peace around the world.
   c) Carter was not a hard worker.
James Earl Carter, Jr. (October 1) – Answer Key

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Across:  3) Haiti  4) Reagan  9) Plains  10) Georgia  11) peanuts

Down:  1) October  2) carpenter  5) governor  6) farm  7) Israel
8) Academy  9) President

Research: He found many uses for peanuts.

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1) October 1, 1924 – Plains, Georgia
2) 39th, 1977-1981
3) peanuts
4) As President, Carter helped bring about a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.
5) 2, 3, 1
6) b
7) O
8) b

Performance Objective Correlations:
• Choose the correct word
• Copy sentences
• Demonstrate understanding of words and ideas
• Determine the sequence
• Distinguish between fact and opinion
• Draw conclusions
• Expand vocabulary
• Find relevant facts
• Locate the answer
• Read for details
• Understand the meaning of words and ideas
• Use reference sources