

THE PRESIDENTS

The Young Republic, 1788-1815

1. **George Washington**, 1789-1797

- VP - John Adams, Sec. of State - Thomas Jefferson
Secretary of Treasury - Alexander Hamilton
- Judiciary Act, 1789
 - Whiskey Rebellion, 1799
 - French Rev. - Citizen Genét, 1793
 - Pinckney Treaty, 1795
 - Farewell Address, 1796
 - Tariff of 1789
 - Jay's Treaty 1789
 - First Bank of U.S., 1791

2. **John Adams**, 1797-1801, Federalist

- VP - Thomas Jefferson
- XYZ Affair, 1797
 - Alien Act, Sedition Act, 1798
 - Naturalization Act
 - "Midnight Judges," 1801
 - KY (Jefferson) and VA (Madison) Resolutions, 1798

3. **Thomas Jefferson**, 1801-1809, Republican

- VP - Aaron Burr, Sec. of State - James Madison
- *Marbury v. Madison*, 1803
 - Louisiana Purchase, 1803
 - Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1804-1805
 - 12th Amendment, 1804
 - Embargo Act, 1807
 - Non-Intercourse Act, 1809

4. **James Madison**, 1809-1817, Republican

- VP - George Clinton, Sec. of State - James Monroe
- Non-Intercourse Act, 1809
 - Macon's Bill, 1810
 - "War Hawks," 1811-1812
 - War of 1812
 - Hartford Convention, 1814
 - First Protective Tariff, 1816

Era of Good Feelings and the Era of the Common Man, 1815-1840

5. **James Monroe**, 1817-1825, Republican

- VP - Tompkins
Secretary of State - John Quincy Adams
- Marshall Court: *McCulloch v. MD*, 1819; *Dartmouth v. Woodward*, 1819; *Gibbons v. Ogden*, 1824
 - Acquisition of Florida, 1819
 - Missouri Compromise, 1820
 - Election of 1824 [Jackson, Adams, Crawford, Clay]
 - Adam-Onis Treaty, 1819
 - Monroe Doctrine, 1823

6. **John Quincy Adams**, 1825-1829, National Republican

- VP - John C. Calhoun, Sec. of State - Henry Clay
- "Corrupt Bargain"
 - Erie Canal, 1825
 - Tariff of Abominations
 - Calhoun's Exposition and Protest, 1828

7. **Andrew Jackson**, 1829-1837, Democrat

- VP - John C. Calhoun and Martin Van Buren
- Jacksonian Democracy
 - Tariffs of 1832 and 1833
 - The 2nd Bank of the U.S. (due to expire in 1836)
 - Formation of the Whig Party, 1832

8. **Martin Van Buren**, 1837-1841, Democrat

- VP - Richard M. Johnson
- Panic of 1837
 - Specie Circular, no Bank of the United States

AnteBellum Period, 1840-1860

9. **William Henry Harrison**, 1841, Whig

VP - John Tyler, Sec. of State - Daniel Webster

10. **John Tyler**, 1841-1845

- Anti-Jackson Democrat ran as VP on Whig ticket
Secretary of State - Daniel Webster
- Webster-Ashburton Treaty, 1842
 - Vetoes Clay's bill for 3rd Bank of the United States
 - Canadian Border set at 49th parallel

11. **James K. Polk**, 1845-1849, Democrat

- original "dark horse" candidate
VP - Dallas
- Manifest Destiny
 - Texas becomes a state, 1845
 - Oregon boundary settled, 1846
 - Mexican War, 1846-1848
 - Treaty of Guadeloupe-Hidalgo, 1848
 - Wilmot Proviso

12. **Zachary Taylor**, 1849-1850, Whig

VP - Millard Fillmore

13. **Millard Fillmore**, 1850-1853, Whig

- Secretary of State - Daniel Webster
- Compromise of 1850
 - Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, 1850
 - *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, 1852

14. **Franklin Pierce**, 1853-1857, Democrat

- VP - King
- Kansas-Nebraska Bill, 1854
 - popular sovereignty
 - Japan opened to world trade, 1853
 - Underground Railroad
 - Bleeding Kansas
 - Ostend Manifesto, 1854

15. **James Buchanan**, 1857-1861, Democrat

- VP - Breckinridge
- Dred Scott decision, 1857
 - Lincoln-Douglas Debates, 1858

Civil War, 1861-1865

16. **Abraham Lincoln**, 1861-1865, Republican

VP - Andrew Johnson

Secretary of State - William H. Seward (New York)

Secretary of Treasury - Salmon P. Chase

Secretary of War - Edwin M. Stanton

- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Emancipation Proclamation, 1863
- Homestead Act, 1862
- Morrill Act, 1862 (created agricultural colleges)
- Assassinated April 14th, 1865, by John Wilkes Booth

Reconstruction, 1865-1877

17. **Andrew Johnson**, 1865, 1869, Republican

Secretary of State - William H. Seward

- 13th & 14th Amendments
- Reconstruction Act, 1867
- Tenure of Office Act, 1867
- Impeachment Trial, 1868
- Adoption of Black Codes, KKK

18. **Ulysses S. Grant**, 1869-1877, Republican

VP - Colfax, Wilson, Sec. of State - Hamilton Fish

- 15th Amendment, 1870
- First Transcontinental Railroad, 1869
- Panic of 1873
- Cr dit Mobilier
- Whiskey Ring, Indian Ring
- Tweed Ring

Gilded Age, 1877-1900

19. **Rutherford B. Hayes**, 1877-1881, Republican

VP - Wheeler

- Bland-Allison Act, 1878 (free coinage of silver)
- Troops withdrawn from the South, 1877

20. **James A. Garfield**, March to Sept., 1881, Republican

VP - Chester A. Arthur, Sec. of State - James A. Blaine

- Assassinated by Charles Guiteau

21. **Chester A. Arthur**, 1881-1885, Republican

Secretary of State - James A. Blaine

- Pendleton Act, 1883 (civil service commission)

22. **Grover Cleveland**, 1885-1889, Democrat

VP - Hendricks

- Knights of Labor, 1886
- Haymarket Riot, 1886
- Interstate Commerce Act, 1887
- *Washburn v. Illinois*, 1886

23. **Benjamin Harrison**, 1889-1893, Republican

VP - Morton, Sec. of State - James A. Blaine

- Sherman Anti-trust Act, 1890
- Populist Party Platform, 1892
- McKinley Tariff, 1890
- Sherman Anti-trust Act, 1890

24. **Grover Cleveland**, 1893-1897, 2nd Admin, Democrat

VP - Stevenson

- Panic of 1893
- Hawaiian incident, 1893
- Venezuelan Boundary Affair, 1895
- Pullman Strike, 1894
- Wilson-Gorman Tariff, 1894
- AF of L

25. **William McKinley**, 1897-1901, Republican

VP - Garet Hobart, 1896-1900

VP - Theodore Roosevelt, Sec. of State - John Hay

- New Imperialism
- Spanish-American War, April 1898 - Feb. 1899
- Open Door Policy, 1899
- Boxer Rebellion, 1900
- Assassinated by Leon Czolgosz, 1901

Progressive Era, 1900-1920

26. **Theodore Roosevelt**, 1901-1908, Republican

VP - Fairbanks, Sec. of State - John Hay, Elihu Root

- "Square Deal"
- Panama Canal, 1903-1914
- Roosevelt Corollary, 1904
- Gentleman's Agreement with Japan, 1904
- Hepburn Act, 1906
- Portsmouth Treaty, 1905
- Pure Food and Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act, and "muckrakers", 1906
- Trust-busting
- Anthracite Coal Strike
- Conservation
- Political reforms of the Roosevelt Era
- Venezuelan Debt Controversy, 1902
- Dominican Republic Crisis, 1902
- Algerian Conference over Morocco, 1906

27. **William Howard Taft**, 1909-1913, Republican

VP - Sherman

- Paine-Aldrich Tariff, 1909
- Pinchot-Ballinger dispute, 1909 (conservation)
- "Dollar Diplomacy"

28. **Woodrow Wilson**, 1913-1921, Democrat

VP - Marshall

- Underwood Tariff, 1913
- 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th Amendments
- Federal Reserve System, 1913
- Federal Trade Commission, 1914
- Clayton Anti-trust Act, 1914
- Troops in Latin America
- The Lusitania, May 1915
- "Fourteen Points," January 1917
- Treaty of Versailles, 1919-1920
- "New Freedom"

Roaring Twenties, 1920-1929

29. **Warren G. Harding**, 1921-1923

"Dark Horse" candidate, Republican

VP - Calvin Coolidge, Sec. of State - Charles Evans Hughes

- Teapot Dome Scandal
- Washington Naval Conference, 1921-1922
- Fordney-McCumber Tariff, 1922

30. **Calvin Coolidge**, 1923-1929, Republican

VP - Dawes, Sec. of State - Frank Kellogg

- Kellogg-Briand Pact, 1928

31. **Herbert Hoover**, 1929-1933, Republican

VP - Curtis, Sec. of State - Henry L. Stimson

- National Origins Immigration Act, 1929
- Stock market Crash, 1929 • Panic and Depression
- Hawley-Smoot tariff, 1930

The New Deal and the Era of Reform, 1920-1945

32. **Franklin D. Roosevelt**, 1933-1945, Democrat

VP - Garner, Wallace, Truman

- New Deal
- "Alphabet soup" agencies
- World War 2
- Labor reforms

33. **Harry S. Truman**, 1945-1953, Democrat

VP - Barkley

- World War 2 ends
- "Fair Deal"
- A-bombs Hiroshima & Nagasaki, Aug. 1945
- Taft-Harley Act, 1947
- Truman Doctrine & Marshall Plan, 1947
- NATO, 1949
- Korean War, 1950-1953

The Cold War, 1945-1968

34. **Dwight D. Eisenhower**, 1953-1961, Republican

VP - Nixon

- 22nd Amendment
- the "race for space"
- Eisenhower Doctrine
- Massive Retaliation
- *Brown v. Board* (1954)
- SEATO
- Suez Crisis, 1956

- Flexible Response
- Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty

• Assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald

36. **Lyndon B. Johnson**, 1963-1968, Democrat

VP - Humphrey

- Vietnam War
- Civil Rights Act, 1964
- Anti-Poverty Act, 1964
- Elementary and Secondary education reform
- "Great Society"
- Voting Rights Act, 1965
- Medicare

35. **John F. Kennedy**, 1961-1963, Democrat

VP - Lyndon B. Johnson

- Alliance for Progress
- "New Frontier"
- Bay of Pigs, 1961
- Peace Corps
- Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962

Détente and Rapprochement, 1968 - present

37. **Richard M. Nixon**, 1968-1974, Republican

VP - Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford

- "Imperial Presidency"
- Moon Landing, July 1969
- EPA established, 1970
- Visit to China & USSR, 1972
- Kissinger and "shuttle diplomacy," 1973-1975
- Wounded Knee, South Dakota, 1973
- CIA helps overthrow Allende regime in Chile, 1973
- Agnew resigns, 1973
- Watergate, Nixon resigns, August 9, 1974
- Pentagon Papers, 1971 (*NY Times v. US*)
- Woodstock, 1969
- SALT Treaty, 1972

40. **Ronald Reagan**, 1981-1989, Republican

VP - George Bush

- Hostages returned
- Grenada, October 1983
- Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman on Supreme Court
- "Supply-side economics"
- Iran-Contra Hearings, Summer 1987 (Oliver North)
- Marines in Beirut, 1983
- Nicaragua, 1984

38. **Gerald Ford**, 1974-1976, Republican

1st appointed President, VP - Nelson Rockefeller

Neither President nor Vice-President had been elected

- Pardons Nixon
- OPEC crisis, 1974

41. **George H.W. Bush**, 1989- 1993, Republican

VP - Dan Quayle

- Berlin Wall, end of Cold War
- Invasion of Panama, 1990
- First Gulf War, January to August 1992

39. **Jimmy Carter**, 1977-1981, Democrat

VP - Walter Mondale

- Panama Canal Treaty signed, September 1977
- Three-Mile Island, 1979 (nuclear reactor leak in PA)
- Camp David Accords (Egypt-Israel), 1979
- Iran Hostage Crisis, 1979
- Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan, 1979, Olympics Boycott
- "Stagflation"

42. **Bill Clinton**, 1993-2001, Democrat

VP - Al Gore

- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), 1993
- Proposes a national health care system, 1993
- Air strikes in Bosnia and Iraq
- Sex scandal, 1998
- Participates in air strikes on Serbia, 1999

43. **George W. Bush**, 2001-2009, Republican, VP - Dick Cheney

- Disputed election, decided by Supreme Court
- "Compassionate Conservatism"
- War on Terrorism, post-September 11, 2001