

1. George Washington (1789-97)

Vice President: John Adams
Political Party: Remained neutral, but eventually joined the Federalist Party
First Lady: Martha Custis
Born In: Bridges Creek, VA
Education: had an informal education

- Worked as a surveyor
- Fought in the French and Indian War campaigns (1754-63)
- Represented Virginia in the 1st (1774) and 2nd (1775) Continental Congresses
- Commanding general of the American army in the Revolutionary war
- Led troops during encampment at Valley Forge
- Forced surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781
- Presided over the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia
- Only President elected unanimously by the Electoral college
- First act as president was to urge a Bill of Rights
- Refused to seek 3rd term
- In farewell address, he warned against party alliances and alliances with other nations
- Retired to his estate at Mount Vernon
- Eulogized as “first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen”

2. John Adams (1797-1801)

Vice President: Thomas Jefferson
Political Party: Fed
First Lady: Abigail Smith
Born In: Braintree, MA
Education: Harvard

- Fifth generation American directly descended from the Mayflower; Great-grandson of Henry Adams
- Wrote the Massachusetts constitution in 1779
- Signer of the Declaration of Independence
- George Washington’s VP; Called the office the most insignificant office ever created
- The first President to reside in the White House
- Signed the Alien and Sedition acts (1798)
- Nicknamed “His Rotundity” and “Old Sink or Swim”
- Died the same day as Thomas Jefferson (July 4th, 1826 on the 50th anniversary of the Dec of Ind.)
- Lived to be 90 years old

3. Thomas Jefferson (1801-09)

Vice President: Aaron Burr, George Clinton
Political Party: Dem-Rep
First Lady: Martha Skelton
Born In: Shadwell, VA
Education: William and Mary

- Wrote most of the Declaration of Independence
- Washington's Secretary of State, and VP under Adams
- President during the Louisiana Purchase
- Established and designed the U of Virginia
- Allegedly had an affair with Sally Hemmings, a slave
- Retired to his mansion, Monticello

4. James Madison (1809-17)

Vice President: George Clinton, Elbridge Gerry
Political Party: Dem-Rep
First Lady: Dolley Todd
Born In: Port Conway, VA
Education: Princeton

- Nicknamed the "Father of the Constitution"
- Jefferson's Secretary of State
- Wrote the Federalist papers with Alexander Hamilton and John Jay
- President during the War of 1812; also called "Mr. Madison's War"
- Estate: Montpelier

5. James Monroe (1817-25)

Vice President: Daniel Tompkins
Political Party: Dem-Rep
First Lady: Elizabeth Kortright
Born In: Westmoreland, VA
Education: William and Mary

- Madison's Secretary of State and War
- Bought Florida from Spain in 1819
- Elected in 1820 with all but one electoral vote
- Administration known as "The era of Good Feeling"
- Most significant accomplishment was the Monroe Doctrine (1823) which stated that the US would not tolerate European intervention in the Americas
- Retired to his home: Ash Lawn in Virginia

6. John Quincy Adams (1825-29)

Vice President: John Calhoun
Political Party: Dem-Rep
First Lady: Louisa Catherine Johnson
Born In: Braintree, MA
Education: Paris, Leyden, and Harvard

- Monroe's Secretary of State
- Adams was beaten by Jackson in the 1824 election (popular and electoral), but was given the office of president by the House, with support from Henry Clay
- Entered congress and served for 17 years after his presidency; collapsed on the House floor and died at age 80
- Son of John Adams

7. Andrew Jackson (1829-37)

Vice President: John Calhoun, Martin Van Buren
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Rachel Robards
Born In: Waxhaws district, SC

- Elected 1st TN Congressman in 1796
- As a general in the war of 1812, he defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans
- Had more popular and electoral votes than JQ Adams in 1824, but didn't have a majority, so the House decided the election in favor of JQ Adams
- Known for the "spoils system"
- 1st VP, John Calhoun resigned
- Survived attempted assassination by Richard Lawrence (1835); the first such attempt on a president
- The Whig party arose in opposition to "King Andrew I"
- Nicknamed "Old Hickory"
- Retired to The Hermitage in TN

8. Martin Van Buren (1837-41)

Vice President: Richard Johnson
Political Party: Dem (Later hated the Dem and formed the Free Soil Party)
First Lady: Hannah Hoes
Born In: Kinderhook, NY

- Gov. of NY before presidency
- Defeated WH Harrison in the 1836 election, but lost to him in the 1840 election
- 1st president born in the USA (independent); 1st president to play no role in the Revolution
- Founded the Free Soil Party and ran for president in 1848, but lost
- Nicknamed the "Little Magician"

9. William Henry Harrison (1841)

Vice President: John Tyler
Political Party: Whig
First Lady: Anna Symmes
Born In: Berkeley, VA
Education: Hampden Sydney College

- Defeated Tecumseh's indians at Tippecanoe in 1811
- 1840 campaign slogan, "Tippecanoe and Tyler too."
- Served only 31 days; Died of Pneumonia

10. John Tyler (1841-45)

Vice President: None
Political Party: Whig
First Lady: Letitia Christian
Born In: Greenway, VA
Education: William and Mary

- Succeeded Harrison upon his death; first VP to become president by succession
- Signed the resolution that annexed Texas in 1845
- Married twice, once while in the White House
- Served as a Confederate congressman after his term in office

11. John Knox Polk (1845-49)

Vice President: George Dallas
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Sarah Childress
Born In: Mecklenburg Cty, NC
Education: U North Carolina

- Congressman and Speaker of the House before presidency
- Defeated Henry Clay in the 1844 election
- Believer of Manifest Destiny; US acquired Texas and California during his Presidency
- Idolized Andrew Jackson, and was nicknamed "Young Hickory"

12. Zachary Taylor (1849-50)

Vice President: Millard Fillmore
Political Party: Whig
First Lady: Margaret Smith
Born In: Orange City, VA

- Had no previous political experience
- Nicknamed "Old Rough and Ready"
- Defeated Lewis Cass and Martin Van Buren in the 1848 election
- Last Whig president
- Died in 1850 from acute indigestion

13. Millard Fillmore (1850-53)

Vice President: None
Political Party: Whig
First Lady: Caroline McIntosh
Born In: Cayuga Co., NY

- Succeeded Millard Fillmore after his death
- Delayed the Civil War by signing the Compromise of 1850
- Ran again in 1856 for the Know Nothing Party, but lost.

14. Franklin Pierce (1853-57)

Vice President: William King
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Jane Appleton
Born In: Hillsboro, NH
Education: Bowdoin College

- Defeated Gen. Winfield Scott in the 1852 election
- Signed the Kansas-Nebraska act in 1854 which repealed the Missouri compromise
- Bought the Gadsden purchase
- Only elected president not to be offered his own party's renomination
- First president born in the 19th century
- Nicknamed "Handsome Frank"

15. James Buchanan (1857-61)

Vice President: John C Breckenridge
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Never Married
Born In: Mercersburg, PA
Education: Dickinson College

- Only Bachelor President
- Defeated the 1st Republican candidate, John C. Fremont, in the 1856 election
- Favored popular sovereignty for slavery
- President during the Dred Scott decision (1857)
- Retired to his Wheatland Home in PA

16. Abraham Lincoln (1861-65)

Vice President: Hanibal Hamlin, Andrew Johnson
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Mary Todd
Born In: Ky

- Defeated by Stephen Douglas in the an Illinois senate race in 1858; Defeated Douglas 2 years later in the presidential election of 1860
- Opening line of his Gettysburg Address, "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."
- His Emancipation Proclamation (1862) freed all southern slaves
- Defeated Gen. George McClellan in 1864
- Second inaugural address begins, "With malice toward none..."
- Assassinated in Ford's theater by John Wilkes Booth

17. Andrew Johnson (1865-69)

Vice President: None
Political Party: Union
First Lady: Eliza McCardle
Born In: NC

- Became president after Lincoln's assassination
- Only president to have been impeached
- Senator from TN after his presidency
- Didn't attend a day of school in his entire life.

18. Ulysses Simpson Grant (1869-77)

Vice President: Schuyler Colfax, Henry Wilson
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Julia Dent
Born In: OH
Education: West Point

- Commanding general of the Union army in the Civil War.
- Accepted Lee's surrender of the confederate army at Appomattox Court House
- Nicknamed "Unconditional Surrender"
- Defeated Horace Greeley in the 1872 election
- Corruption marred his presidency, most notably the Jay Gould (1869), and Credit Moblier (1872) scandals

19. Rutherford Birchard Hayes (1877-81)

Vice President: William Wheeler
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Lucy Webb
Born In: OH
Education: Kenyon College, Harvard

- Was given the election of 1876 over Samuel Tilden though Tilden won the popular and electoral vote.
- Nicknamed "His Fraudulency" and "Rutherfraud"

20. James Abram Garfield (1881)

Vice President: Chester Arthur
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Lucretia Rudolph
Born In: OH
Education: Williams College

- Youngest Union General in the Civil War
- Last log cabin president
- Assassinated by Charles Guiteau in Washington DC (1881)

21. Chester Alan Arthur (1881-85)

Vice President: None
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Ellen Herndon
Born In: VT
Education: Union College

- Garfield's VP who succeeded him when Garfield was assassinated
- The last of 3 different presidents in 1881

22. & 24. Stephen Grover Cleveland (1885-89) & (1893-97)

Vice President: Thomas Hendricks
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Frances Folsom
Born In: NJ

- Governor of NY who battled Tammany Hall
- Only President to serve 2 non-consecutive terms
- Won the 1884 election vs. James Blaine; Lost the 1888 election to Harrison; Defeated Harrison in the 1892 election
- Accused of having an illegitimate child; Anti-Cleveland chant "Ma! Ma! Where's my Pa?! Gone to the White House, Ha! Ha! Ha!"
- 1st Democratic president after the Civil War

23. Benjamin Harrison (1889-93)

Vice President: Levi P Morton
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Caroline Scott
Born In: OH
Education: Miami (OH) U

- Defeated Cleveland in the 1888 election, but lost to him in the 1892 election
- Grandson of William Henry Harrison
- President during the Sherman Anti-trust Act (1890)
- Referred to the White House as "My Jail"

25. William McKinley (1897-1901)

Vice President: Garret Hobart, Theodore Roosevelt
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Ida Saxton
Born In: OH
Education: Allegheny College

- Slogan was the "Full Dinner Pail"
- Led America during the Spanish-American War
- Defeated WJ Bryan in the 1896 and 1890 elections
- Last Civil War vet to become president
- Assassinated in Buffalo by an anarchist named Leon Czogolz at the American Exposition (1901)

26. Theodore Roosevelt (1901-09)

Vice President: Charles Fairbanks
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Edith Carow
Born In: NYC
Education: Harvard

- Led the "Rough Riders" in the Spanish-American war; Won the battle of San Juan Hill in Cuba.
- Governor of NY
- McKinley's VP; became president after McKinley's assassination
- Youngest President (42)
- Known as the "Trust Buster" and "Bull Moose"
- Said of his foreign policy, "Speak softly and carry a big stick."
- Didn't run for re-election in 1908; ran again in 1912 on the Progressive (Bull Moose) party ticket
- Home: Sagamore Hill in NY

27. William Howard Taft (1909-13)

Vice President: James Sherman
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Helen Herron
Born In: OH
Education: Yale

- Defeated WJ Bryan in the 1908 election
- Advocated “Dollar Diplomacy” during his presidency
- Initiated the income tax
- Appointed Chief Justice (1921) of the Supreme Court by Harding after his presidency

28. Thomas Woodrow Wilson (1913-21)

Vice President: Thomas Marshall
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Ellen Axson
Born In: Staunton, VA
Education: Princeton, U Virginia

- President of Princeton U and governor of NJ before his presidency
- Defeated Taft in the 1912 election
- Pushed the Federal Reserve Act, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Clayton Antitrust act through congress in 1914.
- Campaign slogan in 1916, “He kept us out of war.”; Defeated Charles Evans Hughes in 1916
- President during WWI, saying that “the world must be made safe for democracy.”
- Came up with “14 points” for the peace negotiations after WWI; These 14 points included what became The League of Nations
- Married twice, once while in office

29. Warren Gamaliel Harding (1921-23)

Vice President: Calvin Coolidge
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Florence De Wolfe
Born In: OH
Education: Ohio Central College

- Campaign slogan was the “return to normalcy.”
- Strongly opposed US involvement in the League of Nations
- President during many scandals including the Tea Pot Dome scandal
- Died in office from an embolism

30. John Calvin Coolidge (1923-29)

Vice President: Charles Dawes
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Grace Goodhue
Born In: VT
Education: Amherst College

- As governor of MA, he broke a police strike in Boston by saying, "There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time."
- Harding's VP; Succeeded him upon his death
- Won the 1924 election against John Davis; did not seek reelection in 1928
- Nicknamed "Silent Cal"
- Said, "The business of America is business"

31. Herbert Clark Hoover (1929-33)

Vice President: Charles Curtis
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Lou Henry
Born In: Iowa
Education: Stanford

- Defeated Al Smith in the 1928 election
- Promised "a chicken in every pot"
- President during the great depression
- Shanty towns across the nation were called "Hoovervilles"
- 1st president born west of the Mississippi river
- Boulder Dam on the Colorado river was renamed for him

32. Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1933-45)

Vice President: John Garner, Henry Wallace, Harry Truman
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Eleanor Roosevelt
Born In: NY
Education: Harvard, Columbia

- Governor of NY before presidency
- Longest term (12 years)
- Defeated Hoover (1932), Alf Landon (1936), Wendell Willkie (1940), and Thomas Dewey (1944)
- Said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself" in his inaugural address
- Passed much legislation as part of his "New Deal" recovery program; programs included the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Works Progress Administration, National Labor Relations Act, and the Social Security Act.
- Increased the size of the Supreme Court in order to "pack" the court with agreeable justices
- While addressing congress to ask for a declaration of war against Japan, he called Pearl Harbor, "a date that will live in infamy."
- Famous for his "fireside chats," an informal series of radio broadcasts that told America about his policies.
- Initiated the "good neighbor policy," under which the US avoided intervention in Latin American affairs, and gave those countries friendly treatment.

- Afflicted with polio; died while in office from a brain hemorrhage
- Home: Hyde Park in NY

33. Harry S Truman (1945-53)

Vice President: Alben Barkley
 Political Party: Dem
 First Lady: Bess Wallace
 Born In: MO

- Middle Initial "S" stands for nothing
- Became President after the Death of Roosevelt
- Made the decision to drop the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Won the 1948 election over Thomas Dewey; Famous Chicago Tribune headline "Dewey Defeats Truman"
- Committed the country to NATO in 1949
- Nicknamed "Give 'em hell Harry"
- Removed Douglas MacArthur from command over troops in the Korean War

34. Dwight David Eisenhower (1953-61)

Vice President: Richard Nixon
 Political Party: Rep
 First Lady: Mamie Doud
 Born In: TX
 Education: West Point

- First US 5 star general and Supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe during WWII
- Directed the Allied invasion of Normandy (D-Day)
- Defeated Adlai Stevenson in the 1952 and 1956 election
- Created the Departments of Health, Education, and Welfare
- President during U2 incident
- Forced desegregation in Little Rock in 1957
- Campaign slogan: "I like Ike."

35. John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1961-63)

Vice President: Lyndon Johnson
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Jacqueline Bouvier
Born In: Brookline, MA
Education: Princeton, Harvard

- Patrol boat commander in WWII
- Won a Pulitzer Prize in 1957 for *Profiles in Courage*
- 1st Roman Catholic President; Youngest elected president
- In his inauguration, he said, "Ask not what your county can do for you, Ask what you can do for your country."
- His plan for the nation was called the "New Frontier"
- Approved the disastrous Bay of Pigs Invasion
- President during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Kennedy ordered a naval blockade of Cuba and demanded that Khrushchev remove Soviet missiles from Cuba, which he did.
- Assassinated in Dallas (1963) by Lee Harvey Oswald.
- His home was in Hyannisport, MA

36. Lyndon Baines Johnson (1963-69)

Vice President: Hubert Humphrey
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Claudia "Lady Bird" Taylor
Born In: Gillespie Co., TX
Education: SW Texas State Teachers College

- Became president after JFK was assassinated
- Defeated Barry Goldwater in the 1964 election
- Introduced plans for a "Great Society," which was a program to fight poverty and discrimination
- Did not run for re-election in 1968
- Retired to the LBJ Ranch in TX

37. Richard Milhous Nixon (1969-74)

Vice President: Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Pay Ryan
Born In: Yorba Linda, CA
Education: Whittier College

- Eisenhower's VP
- Lost 1960 election to JFK
- Defeated VP Hubert Humphrey in the 1968 election
- Defeated George McGovern and George Wallace in the 1972 election
- Resigned Presidency amid Watergate scandal
- VP Agnew resigned after an income tax evasion charge
- Anti-Nixon slogan: "Would you buy a used car from this man?"
- Nicknamed "Tricky Dick"
- Retired to Casa Pacifica in CA

38. Gerald Rudolph Ford (1974-77)

Vice President: Nelson Rockefeller
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Elizabeth Warren
Born In: Omaha, NE
Education: U Michigan, Yale

- Born Leslie Lynch King Jr.
- Pardoned former President Richard Nixon from his doings in the Watergate scandal.
- Broke a 1973 pledge, and sought reelection in 1976, but lost to Carter.
- Two attempts at assassination during his campaign by CA women were unsuccessful

39. James Earl Carter (1977-81)

Vice President: Walter Mondale
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Rosalynn Smith
Born In: Plains, GA
Education: US Naval Academy

- First President born in a hospital
- Was a peanut farmer, naval officer, Georgia governor before becoming president
- Defeated President Ford in the 1976 election
- Brought the presidents of Israel and Egypt together to sign the Camp David Accords in 1978
- Forced US boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics
- During the last year of his presidency, Iranian revolutionaries stormed the US embassy in Iran and took several US hostages. The hostages were released only after Reagan was President.

40. Ronald Wilson Reagan (1981-89)

Vice President: George Bush
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Nancy Davis
Born In: Tampico, IL
Education: Eureka College

- Only divorced President; divorced Jane Wyman
- Went into politics after a career as a film actor
- Governor of CA (1967-75)
- Oldest to be elected to the White House
- Defeated Carter in 1980 election
- Survived an attempted assassination in 1981 by John Hinkley Jr.
- Began the "Star Wars" Defense (Strategic Defense Initiative) Program
- Defeated Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro in 1984; She was the 1st woman major party VP candidate
- Home: Rancho Cielo in CA

41. George Herbert Walker Bush (1989-93)

Vice President: Dan Quayle
Political Party: Rep
First Lady: Barbara Pierce
Born In: Milton, MA
Education: Yale

- Home: Walker's Point in Kennebunkport, Maine
- Navy pilot in WWII who was shot down over sea and rescued
- UN ambassador (1971), chairman of the Rep National Committee (1973), Chief of the Liaison Office in China (1974), and CIA director (1976)
- Reagan's VP
- Defeated Michael Dukakis in the 1988 election
- Ordered US invasion of Panama in 1989 to overthrow Gen. Manuel Noriega
- Ordered Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait from Iraqi occupation
- Failed to gain reelection in 1992

42. William Jefferson Clinton (1993-)

Vice President: Al Gore
Political Party: Dem
First Lady: Hillary Rodham
Born In: Hope, AR
Education: Georgetown, Oxford, Yale

- Texas director of George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign; AR director of Carter's 1976 campaign
- Elected AR attorney general in 1976
- Became nations youngest governor in 1978
- Lost to Frank White in the 1980 governors election, but won again in 1982
- Won a 3 way race in 1992 over George Bush and Ross Perot
- Passed NAFTA
- Won 1996 election against Bob Dole