

AP U. S. HISTORY PRESIDENTS LIST

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4. James Madison, 1809-1817, Republican

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

5. James Monroe, 1817-1825, Republican
6. John Quincy Adams, 1825-1829, National Republican
7. Andrew Jackson, 1829-1837, Democrat
8. Martin Van Buren, 1837-1841, Democrat

Ante-Bellum Period, 1840-1860

9. William Henry Harrison, 1841, Whig
10. John Tyler, 1841-1845
11. James K. Polk, 1845-1849, Democrat
12. Zachary Taylor, 1849-1850, Whig
13. Millard Fillmore, 1850-1853, Whig
14. Franklin Pierce, 1853-1857, Democrat
15. James Buchanan, 1857-1861, Democrat

Civil War, 1861-1865

16. Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865, Republican

Reconstruction, 1865-1877

17. Andrew Johnson, 1865-1869, Democrat
18. Ulysses S. Grant, 1869-1877, Republican

Gilded Age, 1877-1900

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20. James A. Garfield, 1881, Republican

21. Chester A. Arthur, 1881-1885, Republican
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43. George W. Bush, 2001 – 2009, Republican

The Young Republic, 1788-1815

1. George Washington, 1789-1797

VP – John Adams

Secretary of State – Thomas Jefferson

Secretary of Treasury – Alexander Hamilton

Major Items:

- Judiciary Act, 1789
- Tariff of 1789
- Whiskey Rebellion, 1799
- French Revolution – Citizen Genét, 1793
- Jay Treaty with England, 1795
- Pinckney Treaty with Spain, 1795
- Farewell Address, 1796
- First Bank of United States, 1791-1811

2. John Adams, 1797-1801

Federalist

VP – Thomas Jefferson

Major Items:

- XYZ Affair, 1797
- Alien Act, Sedition Act, 1798
- Naturalization Act
- "Midnight Judges," 1801
- Kentucky (Jefferson) and Virginia (Madison) Resolutions, 1798

3. Thomas Jefferson, 1801-1809

Republican

VP – Aaron Burr, George Clinton

Secretary of State – James Madison

Major Items:

- 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, Elbridge Gerry

Secretary of State – James Monroe

Major Items:

- Macon Act, 1810
- Berlin and Milan Decrees
- Orders in Council
- "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 – Daniel Tompkins

Secretary of State – John Quincy Adams

Major Items:

- Marshall's Decisions: McCulloch v. Maryland, 1819; Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 1819; Gibbons v. Ogden, 1824
- Acquisition of Florida from Spain, 1819
- Transcontinental or Adam-Oñis Treaty, 1819
- Missouri Compromise, 1820
- Monroe Doctrine, 1823
- Sectional Tariff, 1824
- Favorite Sons Election [Jackson, J. Q. Adams, Crawford, Clay], 1824

6. John Quincy Adams, 1825-1829

National Republican

VP – John C. Calhoun

Secretary of State – Henry Clay

Major Items:

- "Corrupt Bargain"
- Erie Canal, 1825
- Tariff of Abominations
- Calhoun's Exposition and Protest, 1828

7. Andrew Jackson, 1829-1837

Democrat

VP – John C. Calhoun, Martin Van Buren

Major Items:

- Jacksonian Democracy
- Tariffs of 1832 and 1833
- The 2nd Bank of the United States (due to expire in 1836)
- Formation of the Whig Party, 1832

8. Martin Van Buren, 1837-1841

Democrat

VP – Richard M. Johnson

Major Items:

- Panic of 1837
- Specie Circular, no Bank of the United States
- Unsound financing by state governments

Ante-Bellum Period, 1840-1860

9. William Henry Harrison, 1841

Whig

VP – John Tyler

Secretary of State – Daniel Webster

10. John Tyler, 1841-1845

Anti-Jackson Democrat ran as VP on Whig ticket
Secretary of State – Daniel Webster

- *Major Items:*
- Webster-Ashburton Treaty, 1842
- Vetoes Clay's bill for 3rd Bank of the United States
- Canadian Border set at 45th parallel

11. James K. Polk, 1845-1849

original "dark horse" candidate
Democrat

VP – George Dallas

Major Items:

- 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

Major Items:

- Compromise of 1850
- Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, 1850 (Britain and U. S. agree not to expand in Central America if the canal is built)
- Uncle Tom's Cabin, 1852

14. Franklin Pierce, 1853-1857

Democrat

VP – William King

Major Items:

- 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 – John C. Breckinridge

Major Items:

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

Civil War, 1861-1865

16. Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865

Republican

VP – Hannibal Hamlin, Andrew Johnson

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

Secretary of Treasury – Salmon P. Chase

Secretary of War – Edwin M. Stanton

Major Items:

- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Emancipation Proclamation, 1863
- Homestead Act, 1862
- Morrill Act, 1862 (created agricultural colleges)
- Assassinated April 15th, 1865, by John Wilkes Booth

Reconstruction, 1865-1877

17. Andrew Johnson, 1865-1869

Republican

Secretary of State – William H. Seward

Major Items:

- 13th Amendment, 1865
- 14th Amendment, 1868
- Reconstruction Act, 1867
- Tenure of Office Act, 1867
- Impeachment Trial, 1868
- Formation of KKK
- Adoption of Black Codes in the South

18. Ulysses S. Grant, 1869-1877

Republican

VP – Schuyler Colfax, Henry Wilson

Secretary of State – Hamilton Fish

Major Items:

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

Gilded Age, 1877-1900

19. Rutherford B. Hayes, 1877-1881

Republican

VP – William Wheeler

Major Items:

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

20. James A Garfield, March 4 to Sept. 19, 1881
Republican

VP – Chester A. Arthur

Secretary of State – James A. Blaine

Major Items:

- Assassinated by C. Julius Guiteau

21. Chester A. Arthur, 1881-1885

Republican

Secretary of State – James A. Blaine

Major Items:

- Pendleton Act, 1883 (set up civil service commission)

22. Grover Cleveland, 1885-1889

Democrat

VP – T. A. Hendricks

Major Items:

- Knights of Labor, 1886
- Haymarket Riot, 1886
- Interstate Commerce Act, 1887
- Washburn v. Illinois, 1886
- 23. Benjamin Harrison, 1889-1893
- Republican
- VP – Levi Morgan
- Secretary of State – James A. Blaine
- Major Items:
 - Sherman Anti-trust Act, 1890
 - Populist Party Platform, 1892
 - North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington become states, 1889
 - Idaho and Wyoming become states, 1890
 - McKinley Tariff, 1890
 - Sherman Act, 1890

24. Grover Cleveland, 1893-1897

Second Administration (only President to serve two non-consecutive terms)

Democrat

VP – Adlai Stevenson

Major Items:

- Panic of 1893
- Hawaiian incident, 1893
- Venezuelan Boundary Affair, 1895
- Pullman Strike, 1894
- American Federation of Labor
- Wilson-Gorman Tariff, 1894

25. William McKinley, 1897-1901

Republican

VP – Garret Hobart, Theodore Roosevelt

Secretary of State – John Hay

Major Items:

- New Imperialism
- Spanish-American War, April 1898 - February 1899

- Open Door Policy, 1899

- Boxer Rebellion, 1900

- McKinley was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz, 1901

Progressive Age, 1900-1920

26. Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909

Republican

VP – Charles Fairbanks

Secretary of State – John Hay, Elihu Root

Major Items:

- Panama Canal, 1903-1914
- "Square Deal"
- Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine, 1904
- Portsmouth Treaty, 1905
- Gentleman's Agreement with Japan, 1904
- Hague Conferences, 1899 and 1907
- Hepburn Act, 1906
- Pure Food and Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act, and "muckrakers", 1906
- Political reforms of the Roosevelt Era
- Trust-busting
- Coal Strike
- Conservation
- Venezuelan Debt Controversy, 1902
- Dominican Republic Crisis, 1902
- Algerian Conference over Morocco, 1906

27. William Howard Taft, 1909-1913

Republican

VP – James Sherman

Major Items:

- Paine-Aldrich Tariff, 1909
- Pinchot-Ballinger controversy, 1909 (conservation v. reclamation)
- "Dollar Diplomacy"

28. Woodrow Wilson, 1913-1921

Democrat

VP – Thomas Marshall

Major Items:

- Underwood Tariff, 1913
- 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th Amendments
- Glass-Owen Bill / Federal Reserve Act, 1913
- Federal trade Commission, 1914
- Clayton Anti-trust Act, 1914
- Troops to Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Virgin Islands, Mexico
- 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
Secretary of State – Charles Evans Hughes

Major Items:

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

30. Calvin Coolidge, 1923-1929
Republican
VP – Charles Dawes
Secretary of State – Frank Kellogg

Major Items:

- Kellogg-Briand Pact, 1928

31. Herbert Hoover, 1929-1933
Republican
VP – Charles Curtis
Secretary of State – Henry L. Stimson

Major Items:

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

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

32. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933-1945
Democrat
VP – John Nance Garner, Henry Wallace, Harry Truman

Major Items:

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

33. Harry S. Truman, 1945-1953
Democrat
VP – Alben Barkley

Major Items:

- World War 2 ends
- Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Taft-Harley Act, 1947
- Truman Doctrine, 1947
- Marshall Plan, 1947
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 1949
- Korean War, 1950-1953
- "Fair Deal"

The Cold War, 1945-1968

34. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953-1961
Republican
VP – Richard Nixon

Major Items:

- 22nd Amendment
- Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas
- Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO)
- Suez Crisis, 1956
- Eisenhower Doctrine
- the "race for space"
- Alaska and Hawaii become states, 1959

35. John F. Kennedy, 1961-1963
Democrat

VP – Lyndon B. Johnson

Major Items:

- Alliance for Progress
- Baker v. Carr, 1962
- Peace Corps
- Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962
- "New Frontier"
- Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty
- Assassinated in Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963, by Lee Harvey Oswald

36. Lyndon B. Johnson, 1963-1969
Democrat

VP – Hubert Humphrey

Major Items:

- The "Cold War"
- Cuban Policy
- Income tax cut
- Wesberry v. Sanders, 1964
- Civil Rights Act, 1964
- Voting Rights Act, 1965
- Anti-Poverty Act, 1964
- Elementary and Secondary education reform
- Medicare
- "Great Society"

Detente or Cold War Thaws, 1968 - present

37. Richard M. Nixon, 1969-1974
Republican

VP – Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford

Major Items:

- "Imperial Presidency"
- Landing on the moon, July 1969
- Warren Burger, Chief Justice, 1969
- Woodstock, August 1969
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established, 1970
- 16th Amendment, 1971
- Visit to China, February 1972

- Visit to Russia, May 1972
- Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT), 1972
- Kissinger and "shuttle diplomacy," 1973-1975
- Wounded Knee, South Dakota, 1973
- Allende regime in Chile overthrown with the help of the CIA, September 1973
- Agnew resigns, 1973
- Nixon resigns, August 9, 1974
- Pentagon Papers, August 30, 1971 (superior court allows the NY Times to publish)

38. Gerald Ford, 1974-1977

Republican

1st appointed President

VP – Nelson Rockefeller

Neither President nor Vice-President had been elected

Major Items:

- Pardons Richard Nixon
- OPEC crisis, 1974

39. Jimmy Carter, 1977-1981

Democrat

VP – Walter Mondale

Major Items:

- Panama Canal Treaty signed, September 1977
- Established diplomatic relations with China and ended recognition of Taiwan
- Three-Mile Island Incident, March 1979 (nuclear reactor leak in Pennsylvania)
- Egypt and Israel peace treaty; Sadat and Begin win the Nobel Prize, 1979

40. Ronald Reagan, 1981-1989

Republican

VP: George Bush

Major Issues:

- Hostages returned
- Falkland Islands crisis, 1982, US supports England
- 1500 Marines sent to Beirut 1983, withdrawn in 1984
- Grenada, October 1983
- Nicaragua, 1984
- Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman appointed to the Supreme Court
- Supply Side economics
- Iran-Contra Hearings, Summer 1987, Oliver North

- Iran Hostage Crisis, 1979 (rescue attempt, 8 killed, April 1980)
- Seizure of Afghanistan by Soviets, 1979
- "Stagflation"
- Boycott of Olympics in Moscow to protest invasion of Afghanistan

41. George Bush, 1989- 1993

Republican

VP – Dan Quayle

Major Items:

Savings and Loan Scandal, 1990

- Berlin Wall came down leading to the reunification of Germany
- Invasion of Panama, 1990
- Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm (the Gulf War), January to August 1992

42. Bill Clinton, 1993-2001

Democrat

VP – Al Gore

Major Items:

- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA),
- Proposes a national health care system, 1993
- Participates in air strikes in Bosnia, 1994
- Participates in air strikes in Iraq
- Sex scandal, 1998
- Participates in air strikes on Serbia, 1999

43. George W. Bush, 2001 - 2009

Republican

VP – Richard "Dick" Cheney

Major Items:

- Disputed election decided by the Supreme Court
- "Compassionate Conservative"
- War on Terrorism
- Sends U. S. troops to topple the Taliban government of Afghanistan
- Invasion of Iraq
- Creates the Cabinet Level Department of Homeland Security (2002)
- Advocates tax cuts as a stimulant to a slow post-9/11 economy
- "Jobless" economic recovery