

AP AMERICAN HISTORY
PRESIDENTIAL LISTING

CRITICAL PERIOD: 1788-1815

1. George Washington 1789-1797

VP-John Adams

Secretary of State-Thomas Jefferson

Secretary of the Treasury-Alexander Hamilton

Major Items: Judiciary Act 1789

Tariff of 1789

Whiskey Rebellion 1799

French Revolution 1799

Jay Treaty with England 1795

Pickney Treaty with Spain 1795

Farewell Address 1796

First Bank 1791-1811

2. John Adams 1797-1801

Federalist

VP-Thomas Jefferson

Major Items: X,Y,Z Affair 1797

Alien and Sedition Acts 1798

Naturalization Act

“Midnight Judges” 1801

Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions 1798

3. Thomas Jefferson 1801-1809

Republican

VP-Aaron Burr

Secretary of State-James Madison

Major Items: Marbury vs. Madison 1803

Louisiana Purchase 1803

Lewis and Clark Expedition 1804-05

12th Amendment 1804

Embargo Act 1807

Non-Intercourse Act 1809

4. James Madison 1809-1817

Republican

VP-Clinton

Secretary of State-James Monroe

Major Items: Macon Act 1810

Berlin and Milan Decrees

Orders in Council

“War Hawks” 1811-12

War of 1812

Hartford Convention 1814

First Protective Tariff 1816

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5. James Monroe 1817-1825

Republican

VP-Tomkins

Secretary of State-John Quincy Adams

Major Items: Marshall's Decisions:

McCulloch vs. Maryland 1819

Dartmouth College Case 1819

Gibbons vs. Ogden 1824

Acquisition of Florida from Spain (Adams Onis 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: New York's Erie Canal

Tariff of Abominations 1828

Calhoun's Exposition and Protest 1828

7. Andrew Jackson 1829-1837

Democrat

VP-John C. Calhoun

Martin VanBuren

Major Items: Jacksonian Democracy

Tariffs of 1832 and 1833

The Second Bank of the United States (B.U.S.-due to expire in 1836)

Formation of the Whig Party 1832

8. Martin VanBuren 1837-1841

Democrat

VP-Johnson

Major Items: Panic of 1837

- Overspeculation in land
- Specie circular, no B.U.S.
- 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

Vetoed Clay's bill for 3rd B.U.S.

Canadian border at 45th parallel

11. James K. Polk 1845-1849

Democrat

VP-Dallas

Major Items: Texas becomes a state 1845

Oregon boundary settled 1846

Mexican War 1846-48

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo 1848

Wilmot Proviso-kept slavery out of newly acquired territory

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 the U.S. agree not to expand in Central America if the canal is built

Uncle Tom's Cabin is published 1852

14. Franklin Pierce 1853-1857

Democrat

VP-King

Major Items: Kansas-Nebraska Bill 1854 (doctrine of popular sovereignty)

Japan opened to world trade 1853

Underground Railroad

Bleeding Kansas

Ostend Manifesto 1854-desire for Cuba, Spain is offered \$100,000,000 in Ostend Belgium, U.S. threatens to take Cuba by force if deal is not made

15. James Buchanan 1857-1861

Democrat

VP-John C. Breckenridge

Major Items: Taney's Dred Scott Decision 1857

Lincoln-Douglas Debates 1858

✓r-Andrew Johnson

Secretary of State-William H. Seward

Secretary of Treasury-Salmon P. Chase

Major Items: Civil War 1861-1865

Emancipation Proclamation 1863

Homestead Act 1862

Morill Act-created agricultural colleges

Ten Percent Plan

Lincoln's assassination-April 14, 1865 by John Wilkes Booth

17. Andrew Johnson 1865-1877

Republican

Secretary of State-William H. Seward

Major Items: 13th Amendment 1865

14th Amendment 1868

15th Amendment 1870

Amnesty Plan 1865

Military Reconstruction Plan 1867

Tenure of Office Act 1868

Impeachment Trial 1868

Formation of the KKK

Adoption of Black Codes

18. Ulysses S. Grant 1869-1877

Republican

VP-Calfax Wilson

Secretary of State-Hamilton Fish

Major Items: 15th Amendment 1870

First Transcontinental Railroad 1869

Tweed Ring

Panic of 1873

Credit Mobilier

Whiskey Ring

GILDED AGE 1877-1900

19. Rutherford B. Hayes 1877-1881

Republican

VP-Wheeler

Major Items: Bland-Allison Act 1878-free coinage of silver

Troops withdraw from the South as result of Compromise 1877

20. James A. Garfield 1881, March 4-September 19

Republican

VP-Chester A. Arthur

Secretary of State-James A. Blaine

Major Items: Garfield's assassination by C. Julius Guiteau

21. Chester A. Arthur 1881-1885
Republican
Vice President: None
Secretary of State:
Major Items: Succeed Garfield as president after his assassination
Pendleton Act (1883) ended the spoils system and awarded jobs based on a civil service exam – this separated the bosses from the immigrants and married them to big businesses
Prosecuted fraud cases and did not use spoils system

22. Grover Cleveland 1885-1889
Democrat
VP-Hendricks
Major Items: Knights of Labor 1886
Haymarket Riot 1886
Interstate Commerce Act 1887
Washburn vs. Illinois 1886

23. Benjamin Harrison 1889-1893
Republican
VP-Morton
Secretary of State-James A. Blaine
Major Items: Sherman Anti-Trust Act 1890
Populist Party Platform of 1892
North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington become states 1889
Idaho, Wyoming become states 1890
McKinley Tariff 1890
Sherman Act 1890

24. Grover Cleveland 1893-1897
Second Administration
Democrat
VP-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-Garet Hobart 1896-1900
VP-Theodore Roosevelt
Secretary of State-John Hay
Major Items: New Imperialism
SPAM War (April 1898-February 1899)
Open Door Policy 1899
Boxer Rebellion 1900
McKinley's assassination by Leon Czolgosz 1901

26. Theodore Roosevelt 1901-1909

Republican

VP-Fairbanks

Secretary of State-John Hay, Elihu Root

Major Items: Panama Canal 1903-1914

"Square Deal"

Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine 1904

Portsmouth Treaty 1905

Gentlemen's Agreement with Japan 1904

Hague Conferences 1899 and 1907

Hepburn Act 1906

Pure Food and Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act, Muckrakers 1906

Political Reforms of the Roosevelt era

Trustbusting

Coal strike

Conservation

Venezuelan Debt Controversy 1902

Dominican Republic crisis 1902-05

Algiers Conference over Morocco 1906

27. William H. Taft 1909-1913

Republican

VP-Sherman

Major Items:

Paine-Aldrich Tariff 1909

Pinchet-Ballings-conservation, polygamy problem 1909

"Dollar Diplomacy"

28. Woodrow Wilson 1913-1921

Democrat

VP-Marshall

Major Items:

Underwood Tariff 1913

16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th Amendments

Federal Reserve System 1913

Federal Trade Commission 1914

Clayton Anti-Trust Act 1914

Troops to Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Virgin Islands, and Mexico

World War I 1914-1918

Lusitania-sunk May 1915

Zimmerman Telegram

"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 E. Hughes

Major Items: Teapot Dome Scandal

Washington Conference 1921-22

Fordney-McCumber Tariff 1922

30. Calvin Coolidge 1923-1929

Republican

VP-Dawes

Secretary of State-Frank Kellogg

Major Items: Kellogg-Briand Pact 1928

31. Herbert Hoover 1929-1933

Republican

VP-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

Reconstruction Finance Corporation

Bonus Army

THE NEW DEAL/ERA OF REFORM: 1929-1945

32. Franklin D. Roosevelt 1933-1945

Democrat

VP-Garner, Wallace, Truman

Major Items: New Deal and alphabet government (AAA, CCC, NIRA, SEC, TVA, etc.)

Second New Deal (WPA, Wagner Act, Social Security, etc.)

Huey Long

Court Packing Scheme

World War II-Hitler, Mussolini, Fascism, Spanish Civil War, Appeasement,

Quarantine Speech, Neutrality Acts, Lend-Lease, Destroyer

Deal, Pearl Harbor, North Africa, Big Three, Normandy,

Yalta, Holocaust, Atlantic Charter, United Nations,

Manhattan Project

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Major Items: World War II ends-atomic bomb
Taft-Hartley Act 1947
Truman Doctrine 1947
Marshall Plan 1947
Berlin Airlift
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) 1949
Fall of China to communism 1949
Korea 1950-1953
"Fair Deal"

THE COLD WAR: 1945-1968

34. Dwight D. Eisenhower 1953-1961

Republican

VP-Nixon

Major Items: 22nd Amendment

Brown vs. Board of Education Topeka, Kansas

Beginning of Civil Rights Movement (Bus boycotts, Central High School, etc.)

Southeast Asia Treaty Organization S.E.A.T.O.

Suez Crisis 1956

Eisenhower Doctrine

The Race for Space

U2 spy plane incident

Alaska and Hawaii become states 1959

35. John F. Kennedy 1961-1963

Democrat

VP-Lyndon B. Johnson

Major Items: Alliance for Progress

Baker vs. Carr 1962

The Peace Corps

Cuba-Bay of Pigs Invasion and Cuban Missile Crisis

"New Frontier"

Civil Rights Movement (Montgomery March, March on Washington, Martin Luther King, etc.)

Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty

Kennedy assassinated at Dallas, Texas by Lee Harvey Oswald

36. Lyndon B. Johnson 1963-1969

Democrat

VP-Herbert Humphrey

Major Items: The "Cold War"

Cuban Policy

Income Tax cut

Wesberry vs. Sanders 1964

Civil Rights Act 1964

Voting Rights Act 1965

Anti-Poverty Act 1964

Civil Rights Movement (SNCC, Black Panthers, Malcolm X)

Elementary and Secondary Education

Medicare

"Great Society"

Vietnam War-Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, Tet Offensive

Counterculture and hippies

DÉTENTE/RAPPROCHEMENT: 1968-PRESENT

37. Richard M. Nixon 1969-1974

Republican

VP-Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford

Major Items: "Imperial Presidency"

Moon Landing July 1969

Warren Burger becomes Chief Justice 1969

Woodstock 1969

E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency) established 1970

26th Amendment 1971

Pentagon Papers-Supreme Court to allow New York Times to publish 1971

Visit to China 1972

Visit to U.S.S.R. 1972

SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty) 1972

Energy Crisis 1972

Kissinger—"Shuttle Diplomacy" 1973-75

Vietnam-(Bombing of Cambodia, War Powers Act, Vietnamization, Kent State)

Wounded Knee, South Dakota 1973

Allende regime in Chile-C.I.A 1973

Agnew resigns 1973

Watergate Scandal 1973-74

Nixon resigns August 1974

38. Gerald Ford 1974-1976

Republican

1st appointed president

VP-Nelson Rockefeller

*neither the president or the vice president have been elected

Major Items: Nixon Pardon

O.P.E.C. crisis 1974

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39. Jimmy Carter 1977-1981

Democrat

VP-Walter Mondale

Major Items: Panama Canal Treaty 1977

Established diplomatic relations with Communist China, ended recognition of Taiwan

Three Mile Island Incident (nuclear power plant leak) 1979

Egypt and Israel peace treaty: Sadat and Begin Nobel Prizes (Camp David Accords) 1979

Iran Hostage Crisis 1979, rescue attempt in 1980 failed

Seizure of Afghanistan by Soviets 1979

"Stagflation"

Energy Crisis

Boycott of 1980 Moscow Olympics to protest Afghanistan invasion

40. Ronald Reagan 1981-1989

Republican

VP-George Bush

Major Items: Hostages released from Iran

Falkland Islands crisis-U.S. supports England 1982

1500 marines sent to Beirut 1983, withdrawn in 1984

Grenada Invasion 1983

Nicaragua and the contras 1984

Sandra Day O'Conner appointed to the Supreme Court (1st woman)

"Supply Side Economics", tax cuts

Rise of the Religious Right

Iran Contra Hearings; Oliver North 1987

Increased terrorism in the Middle East

Space Shuttle disaster

41. George Bush 1989-1993

Republican

VP-Dan Quayle

Major Items: Savings and Loan Scandal 1990

Berlin Wall falls, Reunification of Germany

Invasion of Panama 1990

Operation Desert Storm

42. William (Bill) J. Clinton 1993.

Democrat-first to win re-election since FDR

VP-Al Gore

Major Items: NAFTA

Troops sent to Bosnia

Whitewater Scandal

Unemployment and inflation down

Deficit lowered