

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  
12<sup>th</sup> 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

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  
Vetoes Clay's bill for 3<sup>rd</sup> B.U.S.  
Canadian border at 45<sup>th</sup> 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

VP-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

Morrill 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: 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment 1865

14<sup>th</sup> Amendment 1868

15<sup>th</sup> 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: 15<sup>th</sup> 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
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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  
Algerius Conference over Morocco 1906
27. Willam H. Taft 1909-1913  
Republican  
VP-Sherman  
Major Items: Paine-Aldrich Tariff 1909  
Pinchet-Ballings-conservation, poligamy problem 1909  
"Dollar Diplomacy"
28. Woodrow Wilson 1913-1921  
Democrat  
VP-Marshall  
Major Items: Underwood Tariff 1913  
16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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: 22<sup>nd</sup> 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/RAPPROACHMENT: 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 Protections Agency) established 1970

26<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

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 1984  
Nicaragua and the contras 1984  
Sandra Day O'Connor appointed to the Supreme Court (1<sup>st</sup> 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