

# AP U. S. HISTORY PRESIDENTS LIST

## 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

### 5. 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

Morill 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 September 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 and Rapprochement, 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
- 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

40. Ronald Reagan, 1981-1989

Republican

VP – George H. W. Bush

Major Items:

- Hostages returned
- Falkland Islands Crisis, 1982 (U. S. 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)

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), 1993
- 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

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