

APUSH

PRESIDENTIAL LISTING

CRITICAL PERIOD: 1788-1815

1. George Washington, 1789-1797

V.P.- John Adams

Secretary of State-Thomas Jefferson

Secretary of the Treasury-Alexander Hamilton

Major Items: Judiciary Act (1789)
French Revolution (1789)
Tariff of 1789
Whiskey Rebellion (1794)
Jay Treaty with England (1794)
Pickney Treaty with Spain (1795)
Farewell Address (1796)
First Bank (1791-1811)



2. John Adams, 1797-1801

Federalist

V.P.-Thomas Jefferson

Major Items: XYZ Affair (1797)
Alien and Sedition Acts (1798)
Naturalization Act
“Midnight Judges” (1801)
Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions (1798)



3. Thomas Jefferson, 1801-1809

Democrat-Republican

V.P.-Aaron Burr

Secretary of State-James Madison

Major Items: *Marbury v. Madison* (1803)
Louisiana Purchase (1803)
Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-05)
12th Amendment (1804)
Embargo Act (1807)
Non-Intercourse Act (1809)



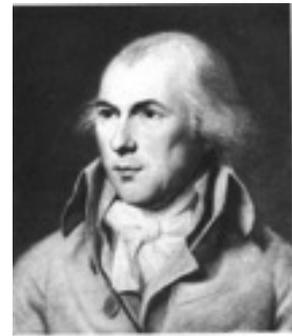
4. James Madison, 1809-1817

Democrat-Republican

V.P.-George Clinton

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/ERA OF THE COMMON MAN: 1815-1840

5. James Monroe, 1817-1825

Democrat-Republican

V.P.-Daniel Tompkins

Secretary of State-John Quincy Adams

Major Items: Marshall Court Decisions:

McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)

Dartmouth College Case (1819)

Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)

Acquisition of Florida from Spain (Adams
Onis Treaty, 1819)

Missouri Compromise (1820)

Monroe Doctrine (1823)

Sectional Tariff (1824)

“Corrupt Bargain” election, 1824



6. John Quincy Adams, 1825-1829

Democrat-Republican

V.P.-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

V.P. John C. Calhoun/later Martin Van Buren

Major Items: Jacksonian Democracy

Tariffs of 1832 and 1833

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

Formation of the Whig Party (1832)



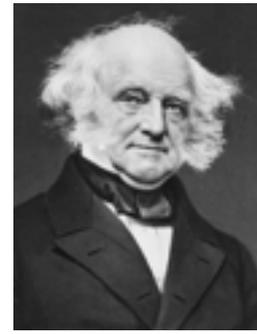
8. Martin Van Buren, 1837-1841

Democrat

V.P.-Richard Johnson

Major Items: Panic of 1837

- overspeculation in land
- specie circular, no B.U.S.
- unsound financing by state governments

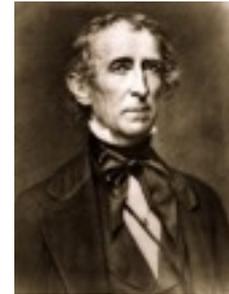


ANTEBELLUM PERIOD: 1840-1860

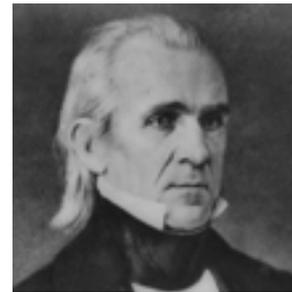
9. William Henry Harrison, 1841
Whig
V.P.-John Tyler
Secretary of State-Daniel Webster



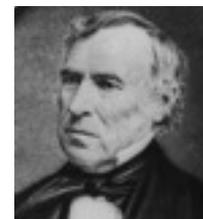
10. John Tyler, 1841-1845
Anti-Jackson Democrat, ran as VP on Whig ticket
Secretary of State-Daniel Webster
Major Items: Webster-Ashburton Treaty (1842)
Vetoes Clay's bill for 3rd B.U.S.
Canadian border at 45th parallel



11. James K. Polk, 1845-1849
Democrat
V.P.-George Dallas
Major Items: Texas becomes a state (1845)
Oregon boundary settled (1846)
Wilmot Proviso (1846); tried to keep
slavery out of newly acquired
territory (failed to pass Senate)
Mexican War (1846-1848)
Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848)



12. Zachary Taylor, 1849-1850
Whig
V.P.-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

V.P.-William King

Major Items: Kansas-Nebraska Bill (1854)

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

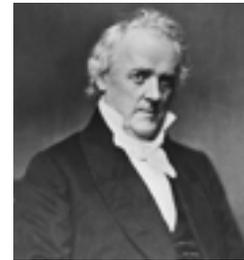
Democrat

V.P.-John C. Breckenridge

Major Items: Taney's *Dred Scott v. Sanford* (1857)

Lincoln-Douglas Debates

South Carolina secession (1860)



16. Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865

Republican

V.P.-Andrew Johnson

Secretary of State-William H. Seward

Secretary of Treasury-Salmon P. Chase

Major Items: Civil War 1861-1865

Homestead Act (1862)

Morill Act-created agricultural colleges

Emancipation Proclamation (1863)

Ten Percent Plan

Lincoln's assassination-April 14, 1865 by John

Wilkes Booth



17. Andrew Johnson, 1865-1869

Republican

Secretary of State-William H. Seward

Major Items: 13th Amendment (1865)

14th Amendment (1868)

Amnesty Plan (1865)

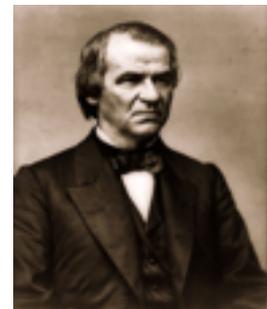
Military Reconstruction Plan (1867)

Tenure of Office Act (1868)

Impeachment Trial (1868)

Formation of the KKK

Adoption of Black Codes



18. Ulysses S. Grant, 1869-1877
V.P.-Calfax Wilson
Secretary of State-Hamilton Fish
Major Items: First Transcontinental Railroad (1869)
15th Amendment (1870)
Tweed Ring
Panic of 1873
Credit Mobilier scandal
Whiskey Ring



GILDED AGE: 1877-1900

19. Rutherford B. Hayes, 1877-1900
Republican
V.P.-William Wheeler
Major Items: Bland-Allison Act-free coinage of silver
Troops withdraw from the South as a result of
Compromise 1877



20. James A. Garfield, 1881 (March 4-September 19)
Republican
V.P.-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
Secretary of State-James A. Blaine
Major Items: Pendleton Civil Service Act (1883)-civil
service commission and testing set up
(to deter patronage)



22. Grover Cleveland, 1885-1889
Democrat
V.P.-Thomas Hendricks
Major Items: Knights of Labor (1886)
Haymarket Riot (1886)
Interstate Commerce Act (1887)
Washburn v. Illinois (1886)



23. Benjamin Harrison, 1889-1893

Republican

V.P.-Levi 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 becomes states (1889)
Idaho, Wyoming become states (1890)
McKinley Tariff (1890)
Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1890)



24. Grover Cleveland (again), 1893-1897

Second Administration

Democrat

V.P.-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

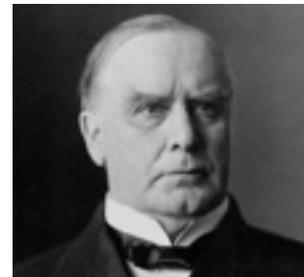
Republican

V.P.-Garet Hobart, 1896-1900

V.P.-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's assassination by Leon Czolgosz (1901)



26. Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909

Republican

V.P.-Charles Fairbanks

Secretary of State-John Hay, Elihu Root

Major Items: Panama Canal (1903-1914)
"Big Stick" Diplomacy
"Square Deal"
3 C's-consumer protection, conservationism,
control of corps.
Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine



(1904)
Portsmouth Treaty (1905)
Gentlemen's Agreement with Japan (1904)
Hague Conferences (1899 and 1907)
Pure Food and Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act, Muckrakers (1906)
Political Reforms of the Roosevelt era
Trustbusting
Coal Strike
Venezuelan Debt Controversy (1902)
Dominican Republic crisis (1902-1905)
Algerius Conference over Morocco (1906)

27. William H. Taft (1909-1913)

Republican

V.P.-James Sherman

Major Items: Paine-Aldrich Tariff (1909)
Pinchot-Ballinger controversy
16th Amendment (income tax)
"Dollar Diplomacy"



28. Woodrow Wilson, 1913-1921

Democrat

V.P.-Thomas Marshall

Major Items: Underwood Tariff (1913)
17th, 18th, 19th Amendments
Federal Reserve System (1913)
Federal Trade Commission (1914)
Clayton Anti-Trust Act (1914)
"Moral Diplomacy"
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”

Republican

V.P.-Calvin Coolidge

Secretary of State-Charles E. Hughes

Major Items: Teapot Dome Scandal, Albert Fall
Washington Conference (1921-22)
Fordney-McCumber Tariff (1922)



30. Calvin Coolidge, 1923-1929

Republican

V.P.-Charles Dawes

Secretary of State-Frank Kellogg

Major Items: Dawes Plan (1924)
Immigration Act of 1924 (National Origins Act)
Kellogg-Briand Pact (1928)



31. Herbert Hoover, 1929-1933

Republican

V.P.-Charles Curtis

Secretary of State-Henry L. Stimson

Major Items: National Origins Act, revised (1929)
Panic and Depression
Stock Market Crash (1929)
Hawley-Smoot Tariff (1930)
Reconstruction Finance Corporation
Bonus Army (marched to D.C. to demand WWI bonus)
20th Amendment (changed inauguration date to Jan. 20th)



THE NEW DEAL/ERA OF REFORM: 1929-1945

32. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933-1945

Democrat

V.P.-John Garner, Henry Wallace, Harry Truman

Major Items: New Deal and “alphabet” government
(AAA, CCC, NIRA, SEC, TVA, etc.)
Second New Deal (WPA, Wagner Act, Social Security, etc.)
21st Amendment-ends Prohibition (repeals 18th Amendment)



Huey Long, “Share Our Wealth” program
“Court Packing” scheme
World War II-Hitler, Mussolini, Fascism, Spanish Civil War
(Franco), Appeasement, Quarantine Speech, Neutrality
Acts, Lend-Lease, Destroyer Deal, Pearl Harbor, North
Africa, Big Three, Normandy, Yalta, Holocaust, Atlantic
Charter, United Nations, Manhattan Project.

33. Harry S. Truman, 1945-1953

Democrat

V.P.-Alben Barkley

Major Items: Potsdam Conference (1945)

World War II ends-atomic bomb (Hiroshima,
Nagasaki), 1945

Taft-Hartley Act (1947, Congress passes over
Truman’s veto)

Truman Doctrine (1947)

Marshall Plan (1947)

Executive Order 9981-desegregation of military (1948)

Berlin Airlift (1948-49)

North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO (1949)

Fall of China to Communism (1949)

Korean War (1950-1953)

“Fair Deal”



THE COLD WAR: 1945-1968

34. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953-1961

Republican

V.P.-Richard Nixon

Major Items: 22nd Amendment

Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka,
Kansas (1954)

Beginning of Civil Rights Movement
(Montgomery Bus Boycott,
Little Rock 9 at Central High School, etc).

Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO)

Suez Crisis (1956)

Eisenhower Doctrine

Space Race

Federal Highway Act of 1956

Alaska and Hawaii become states (1959)

U-2 spy plane incident (1960)

Farewell Address-warms U.S. of dependence on “military-
industrial complex”



35. John F. Kennedy, 1961-1963

Democrat

V.P.-Lyndon B. Johnson

Major Items: Alliance for Progress

Baker v. Carr (1962)

Peace Corps

Cuba-Bay of Pigs Invasion (1961) and

Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)

“New Frontier”

Civil Rights Movement (Montgomery

March, March on Washington and

MLK Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech, etc.)

Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty

Kennedy assassinated in Dallas, TX (Nov. 1963) by Lee Harvey Oswald



36. Lyndon B. Johnson, 1963-1969

Democrat

V.P.-Herbert Humphrey

Major Items: The “Cold War”

Income tax cuts

Wesberry v. Sanders (1964)

Civil Rights Act of 1964

Voting Rights Act of 1965

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

Elementary and Secondary Education

“Great Society”, a.k.a. War on Poverty

Medicare

Medicaid

Vietnam War-Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (1964),

Tet Offensive (1968)

Mr. Jarocki was born (1967)

Assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and RFK (1968)

Counterculture and hippies



DÉTENTE/RAPPROCHEMENT: 1968-2000

37. Richard M. Nixon, 1969-1974

Republican

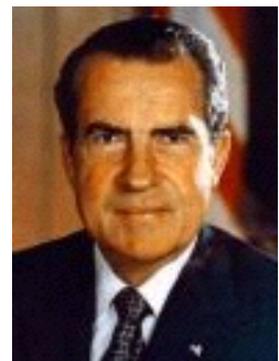
V.P.-Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford

Major Items: “Imperial Presidency”

Moon Landing, July 1969

Warren Burger becomes Chief Justice (1969)

Woodstock (1969)



E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency) est. 1970
26th Amendment (1971), lowers voting age to 18
Pentagon Papers-Supreme Court to allow NY Times to publish (1971)
Visit to China (1972)
Visit to U.S.S.R. (1972)
SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty) 1972
Kissinger “Shuttle Diplomacy” (1973-75)
Vietnam (Bombing of Cambodia, War Powers Act of 1973, Vietnamization, Kent State Massacre-1970)
Wounded Knee, South Dakota (1973)
Allende regime in Chile-C.I.A. (1973)
Agnew resigns (1973)
Watergate Scandal (1973-1974)
Nixon resigns August 1974

38. Gerald Ford, 1974-1976

Republican

1st appointed (not elected) president

V.P.-Nelson Rockefeller*

*neither the president or vice president had been elected

Major Items: Nixon pardon

O.P.E.C. crisis (1974)



39. Jimmy Carter, 1977-1981

Democrat

V.P.-Walter Mondale

Major Items: Panama Canal Treaty (1977)

Established diplomatic relations with Communist China, ended recognition of Taiwan

Mrs. Griffiths was born (1978)

Three Mile Island Incident (nuclear power plant leak) 1979

Egypt and Israel Peace Treaty (Camp David Accords) 1979

Iran Hostage Crisis (1979); rescue attempt 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

V.P.-George Bush

Major Items: Hostages released from Iran

Failed assassination attempt of Reagan (1981)

Falkland Islands crisis-U.S. supports England (1982)

1500 marines sent to Beirut in 1983,
withdrawn in 1984

Grenada Invasion (1984)

Nicaragua and the Contras (1984)

Strategic Defense Initiative, a.k.a. "Star Wars"

Sandra Day O'Connor appointed to the
Supreme Court (1st Woman)

"Supply Side Economics," tax cuts

Rise of Religious Rights

Iran Contra Hearings, Oliver North (1987)

Increased terrorism in the Middle East

Space Shuttle disaster



41. George Bush, 1989-1993

Republican

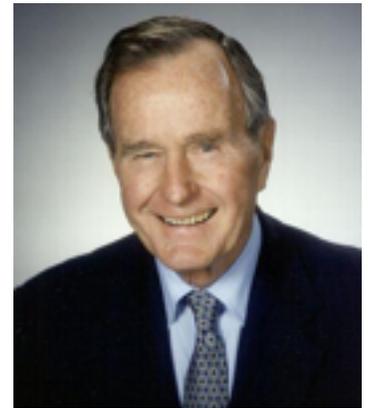
V.P.-Dan Quayle

Major Items: Savings and Loan Scandal (1990)
Berlin Wall Falls, Reunification of Germany
(1989)

Invasion of Panama (1990)

Soviet Union collapses, Cold War over
(1991)

Operation Desert Storm (1991)



42. Bill Clinton, 1993-2001

Democrat

V.P.-Al Gore

Major Items: NAFTA (1994)
Troops sent to Bosnia
Whitewater Scandal
Oklahoma City Bombing (1995)
Unemployment and inflation down
Deficit lowered
Lewinsky Affair, Impeachment (1998)



43. George W. Bush, 2001-2009

Republican

V.P.-Dick Cheney

Major Items: 9/11

Bush Doctrine (Afghanistan, Iraq)

Homeland Security

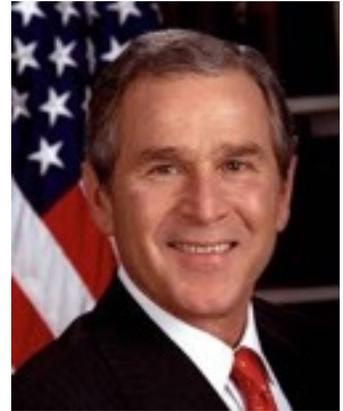
PATRIOT Act

Bush Tax Cuts (2001, 2003)

No Child Left Behind (2001)

Hurricane Katrina (2005)

Great Recession (2007-2009)



44. Barack Obama, 2009-2017

Democrat

V.P.-Joe Biden

Major Items: Death of Osama Bin Laden

Iraq (ended occupation)

Afghanistan (Taliban resurgence)

Arab Spring (Egypt, Libya, Syria)

Ukraine (Crimea)

ISIS

Great Recession (2007-2009)

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act

