

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 Thompson

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-Onís 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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