

11. President: James Knox Polk
 Served: 1845-1849
 Party: Democrat
 Born: Nov 2, 1795, North Carolina
 Died: June 15, 1849, Tennessee
 First Lady: Sarah Childress, No children
 Pre-presidency: Lawyer
 Inherited his father's cotton plantation along with many slaves
 Governor of Tennessee
 Speaker of the House of Representatives
 Events in Presidency: Mexican-American war for rights to California territory
 American purchase of Cuba from Spain
 Post-presidency: Moved back to Tennessee where he died a few months later

12. President: Zachary Taylor
 Served: 1849-1850
 Party: Whig
 Born: Nov 24, 1784, Virginia
 Died: July 9, 1850, Washington, D.C.
 First Lady: Margaret Mackall Smith, Children: Ann Mackall, Sarah Knox, Octavia Pannill, Mary Smith, Mary Elizabeth, Richard
 Pre-presidency: Commander during the War of 1812 at Fort Harrison near Terre Haute, IN
 Events in Presidency: July 4, 1850, Taylor an outdoor ceremony laying a cornerstone to the Washington Monument, later getting sick. Five days later, he died from heat stroke or cholera.

13. President: Millard Fillmore
 Served: 1850-1853
 Party: Whig
 Born: Jan 7, 1800, New York
 Died: Mar 8, 1874, New York
 First Lady: Abigail Powers (d. 1858), Children: Millard Powers, Mary Abigail
 Pre-presidency: Lawyer
 Vice President under Taylor
 Events in presidency: Became President after the death of Taylor
 California admitted as a state
 Texas boundaries negotiated with Mexico
 Fugitive Slave Act – Allowed slaveholders to get help from federal officers to find slave escapees.
 Post-presidency: Served as Chancellor of the University of Buffalo, NY
 Trivia: Last member of the Whig party to hold office

14. President: Franklin Pierce
Served: 1853-1857
Party: Democrat
Born: Nov 23, 1804, New Hampshire
Died: Oct 8, 1869, New Hampshire
First Lady: Jane Appleton, Children: 3 (2 died young, the other killed at age 11
in a train derailment with both parents, who survived, 1 month before inauguration)
Pre-presidency: General in Mexican-American war
Lawyer
Senator from New Hampshire
Events in Presidency: Took oath of office on a law book instead of the Bible
Kansas-Nebraska Act – allowing settlers to decide for themselves on slavery
Post-presidency: Became a heavy drinker, which later killed him
Trivia: Democratic slogan was “We Polked you in 1844, We shall Pierce you in 1852”
15. President: James Buchanan, Jr.
Served: 1857-1861
Party: Democrat
Born: Apr. 23, 1791, Pennsylvania
Died: June 1, 1868, Pennsylvania
First Lady: Never married
Pre-presidency: Lawyer
Secretary of State under Polk
Senator from Pennsylvania
Events in Presidency: Dred Scott case decision that Congress could not decide for or against slavery in any territory
Financial panic of 1857, government’s revenue low because of lowered tariffs
Seven slave states seceded the Union and formed the Confederacy

16. President: Abraham Lincoln
 Served: 1861-1865
 Party: Whig, Republican
 Born: Feb 12, 1809, Kentucky
 Died: Apr 15, 1865, Washington, D.C.
 First Lady: Mary Todd, Children: Robert Todd, Edward, William, Tad
 Pre-presidency: Mother died when Lincoln was 9, Father remarried Sarah Bush Johnston who taught him to read
 Served on the House of Representatives from Illinois
 Lawyer
 Events in Presidency: Civil War – Union and Confederate states fight over slavery
 Signed the Emancipation Proclamation – freeing all slaves
 Gave the Gettysburg Address at the dedication of the Gettysburg Cemetery, honoring those that died during the Civil War
 Assassinated at Ford Theatre by John Wilkes Booth, a confederate spy 5 days after the Civil War ended
 Namesakes: Lincoln Memorial
 \$5 bill
 Penny
 Mount Rushmore
 Lincoln automobile
 Presidents’ Day
17. President: Andrew Johnson
 Served: 1865-1869
 Party: Democrat
 Born: Dec 29, 1808, North Carolina
 Died: July 31, 1875, Tennessee
 First Lady: Eliza McCardle (didn’t live in the White House due to poor health),
 Children: Mary and Martha (served as hostesses in the White House)
 Pre-presidency: Never had formal schooling, taught himself to read, and his
 wife taught him arithmetic and more fluent reading
 Governor of Tennessee
 Senator from Tennessee
 Events in Presidency: Became President after the death of Lincoln
 Vetoes the Civil Rights bill stating “This is a country for white men, and by God, as long as I am President, it shall be a government for white men.”
 Two attempts at impeachment were made against him
 Post-presidency: Senator from Tennessee

18. President: Ulysses S Grant (born Hiram Ulysses Grant)
Served: 1869-1877
Party: Republican
Born: Apr 27, 1822, Ohio
Died: July 23, 1885, New York
First Lady: Julia Boggs Dent, Children: Frederick Dent, Ulysses S., Jr (Buck),
Ellen Wrenshall (Nellie), Jesse Root
Pre-presidency: Entered the military at West Point
Lieutenant in the Mexican-American War
General for the Union during the Civil War
Events in Presidency: Reconstruction period for the United States
Ratified the 15th amendment establishing voting rights for all
Promoted severe punishment for the Ku Klux Klan
Made Christmas a federal holiday
Post-presidency: Spent 2 years traveling the world with his wife
Went bankrupt, but Mark Twain offered him a generous amount of money for his memoirs
Had throat cancer, but finished his memoirs right before he died, leaving his family cared for
Buried in Grant's tomb in New York, the largest mausoleum in North America
Namesakes: \$50 bill
Grant Memorial on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.
Trivia: Grant was tone deaf and disliked music
Grant's wife was cross-eyed, but he liked her that way and didn't want it corrected

19. President: Rutherford Birchard Hayes
 Served: 1877-1881
 Party: Republican
 Born: Oct 4, 1822, Ohio
 Died: Jan 17, 1893, Ohio
 First Lady: Lucy Webb (first First Lady to hold a college degree), 8 children – 3 died young
 Pre-presidency: Rutherford's father died 10 weeks before he was born, so his uncle, Sardis, served as his guardian
 Lawyer
 Colonel in the Civil War, wounded 4 times
 Governor of Ohio
 Events in Presidency: Won by a very close margin
 Gold discovered in the Black Hills, S. Dakota
 Resulted in attempted removal of Indians from their Reservations
 Battle of Little Big Horn
 Post-presidency: Served on the Board of Trustees at Ohio State University
 Trivia: First President to take the Oath of Office at the White House
 First President to use a telephone in the White House
20. President: James Abram Garfield
 Served: 1881
 Party: Republican
 Born: Nov 19, 1831, Ohio
 Died: Sept 19, 1881, New Jersey
 First Lady: Lucretia Rudolph, 7 children
 Pre-presidency: Was a teacher and principal
 Colonel in the Civil War
 Was a minister
 Events in Presidency: Assassinated only 4 months into his presidency by Charles Guiteau
 One bullet grazed his arm, the other lodged in his body
 and
 couldn't be found
 Lived for 80 days after the shooting
 Trivia: 3rd Civil War veteran to become President
 Namesakes: Garfield monument in Washington, D.C.