

31. President: Herbert Hoover
Served: 1929-1933
Party: Republican
Born: Aug 10, 1874, Iowa
Died: Oct 20, 1964, New York
First Lady: Lou Henry
Pre-presidency: Graduated from Stanford with a degree in Geology
Was a mining engineer, and worked in Australia and China
Secretary of Commerce
Events in Presidency: Stock market crash of 1929
The Great Depression
Signed the Emergency Relief and Construction Act, for
Federal Unemployment assistance
Raised tariffs and income taxes
Post-presidency: Left the White House bitter about losing re-election
Spoke out against Roosevelt's "New Deal"
Relationship between Hoover and Roosevelt strained
Under President Truman, served on the Hoover
Commission to reorganized the executive branches of
government
Lived until the age of 90, 31 years after leaving office
Namesakes: Hoover Dam in New York
Trivia: First president born west of the Mississippi River

32. President: Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Served: 1933-1945
Party: Democrat
Born: Jan 30, 1882, New York
Died: Apr 12, 1945, Georgia
First Lady: Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, Children: Anna Eleanor, James, Franklin Delano, Jr. (died 8 months old), Elliot, Franklin Delano, Jr., and John Aspinwall
- Pre-presidency: Learned German and French because of many visits to Europe as a child
Franklin had marital affairs during their marriage
Senator from New York
1921 became sick that resulted in paralysis from the waist down – succeeded in convincing the public he was improving and always was seen in the public stading with braces, a cane or support of someone beside him
Governor of New York
- Events in Presidency: Elected in the midst of the Great Depression
“New Deal” – Federal Emergency Relief, National Industrial Recovery Act, Social Security Act
Fair labor laws – setting minimum wage
World War 2 declared after Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japan – puts an end to the countries economic problems
The “Big Three” – Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill – worked together
During his 4th term, FDR suffered a brain hemorrhage in Georgia, where he later died
Death was 1 month before German surrender during WW2
- Trivia: Franklin was Eleanor’s father’s 5th cousin
Eleanor’s uncle, Theodore, stood in her deceased father’s place at the wedding
- Namesakes: Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C.
Roosevelt dime

33. President: Harry S Truman
Served: 1945-1953
Party: Democrat
Born: May 8, 1884, Missouri
Died: Dec 26, 1972, Missouri
First Lady: Elizabeth (Bess) Virginia Wallace
- Pre-presidency: Played the piano, loved to read history
Did not earn a college degree because of poor eyesight and financial issues, but completed 2 years toward a law degree
Served in the National Guard during World War 1
Senator from Missouri
Served as Vice President for Franklin Roosevelt
- Events in Presidency: Assumed office after the death of FDR
Soon after is inauguration, the Germans surrendered in WW2 – then after the 2 atomic bombs were dropped at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan surrendered
The Cold War begins – period of tension and conflict between the Soviet Union and the US which resulted in creation of the National Security Act and reorganization of military forces
Civil Rights – organization of committees to address fair employment acts and voting rights for blacks
NATO established – North Atlantic Treaty Organization – established military peace between European countries not under Soviet control
Korean War – US involved to stop communist North Korea from invading S. Korea
Total interior of the White House removed and rebuilt due to unsafe conditions
Attempted assassination on Truman resulted in policeman being shot to death
1951 – 22nd amendment ratified to prevent a President from serving more than 2 terms
- Post-presidency: Moved back to Missouri where he struggled financially
1958 – Congress passes the Former President’s Act, giving annual pension to former presidents
Died from pneumonia in Kansas City
- Trivia: Middle name “S” didn’t stand for anything – it was an effort to please both his grandfathers – Anderson Shippe Truman and Solomon Young
- Namesakes: Truman Library
Truman the Tiger – the mascot for the Missouri Tigers, University of Missouri and Harry S Truman College in Chicago

34. President: Dwight David Eisenhower (born David Dwight Eisenhower)
Served: 1953-1961
Party: Republican
Born: Oct 14, 1890, Texas
Died: Mar 28, 1969, Washington, D.C.
First Lady: Mamie Geneva Doud, Children: Doud Dwight (died age 3) and John Sheldon David Doud
Pre-presidency: Graduated from West Point
Was Deputy Chief in charge of Pacific defenses during WW2
Events in Presidency: 1956 signed bill that began the US Interstate Highway system
Korean War ends
Supported civil rights
Hawaii and Alaska become states
Post-presidency: Retired to Pennsylvania to farm
Died of heart failure
Nickname: "Ike"
Namesakes: \$1 coin from 1971-1978
Trivia: Liked to play golf – put in a driving range and putting green at the White House

35. President: John Fitzgerald "Jack" Kennedy (JFK)
Served: 1961-1963
Party: Democrat
Born: May 29, 1917, Massachusetts
Died: Nov 22, 1963, Texas
First Lady: Jacqueline Lee Bouvier, Children: Arabella (stillborn), Patrick (died 2 days old), Caroline and John Jr.
Pre-presidency: Born into a rich family, went to boarding school
US Navy during WW2
Events in Presidency: Cuban missile crisis – Soviet Union had nuclear weapons in Cuba. Kennedy negotiated the removal of the weapons from Cuba with the Soviet Union.
Created the Peace Corps
Supporter of the Civil Rights Movement
Supporter of the space program – made it a goal that a man would walk on the moon
Was assassinated in Texas by Lee Harvey Oswald – shot twice in the neck and head
Buried in Arlington National Cemetery – an eternal flame burns nearby, a request of his wife
Trivia: Inaugural address - "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country."
John suffered many back problems and had corrective surgeries (some life threatening.)
Jackie had a miscarriage, still born daughter, and son, Patrick, died in infancy
Youngest president ever elected at 43 years of age
Namesakes: JFK Airport in New York
Kennedy Space Center in Florida
Half-dollar

36. President: Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ)
Served: 1963-1969
Party: Democrat
Born: Aug 27, 1908, Texas
Died: Jan 22, 1973, Texas
First Lady: Claudia Alta Taylor (Nicknamed "Lady Bird"), Children: Lynda Bird and Luci Baines
Pre-presidency: Officer of the Navy during WW2
Served on the US Senate from Texas
Served as Vice President under JFK
Events in Presidency: Became President after the assassination of JFK – was sworn in on Air Force One in Texas
Passed Civil Rights Act of 1964 – outlawing most racial segregation
Passed an act adding Medicare for the elderly
Vietnam War – sent US troops to S. Vietnam to stop N. Vietnam communists from taking over
Post-presidency: Retired to Texas
Died after his 3rd heart attack
Namesakes: Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Texas
Trivia: Gave daughters and pets the same initials as himself (LBJ), dog's name was Little Beagle
37. President: Richard Milhous Nixon
Served: 1969-1974
Party: Republican
Born: Jan 9, 1913, California
Died: Apr. 22, 1994, New York
First Lady: Thelma Catherine "Pat" Ryan, Children: Tricia and Julie
Pre-presidency: Lawyer
Reserve officer in Navy during WW2
Served on the House of Representatives and Senate from California
Served as Vice President under Johnson
Events in Presidency: Ended Vietnam War
Watergate Scandal – bugging devices were planted on the Democratic Party in Washington D.C.
Nixon denied involvement, but in order to avoid impeachment proceedings, Nixon was forced to resign
Post-presidency: Disbarred in New York and resigned other law licenses
Suffered a stroke resulting in his death
Trivia: Well-known for his "thumbs up" hand signal and saying "I am not a crook"

38. President: Gerald Rudolph Ford (born as Leslie Lynch King, Jr.)
Served: 1974-1977
Party: Republican
Born: July 14, 1913, Nebraska
Died: Dec. 26, 2006, California
First Lady: Elizabeth (Betty) Bloomer Warren, Children: Michael Gerald,
John (Jack) Gardner, Steven Meigs, Susan Elizabeth
Pre-presidency: Biological father had a history of hitting his mother, she divorced him and re-married, Gerald Rudolff Ford, when Ford was 3 years old
Mother began calling her son, Gerald Ford, Jr. – although he was never adopted
Legally changed his name in 1935
Became an Eagle scout
Played football for the University of Michigan, where he graduated with a degree in Political Science
Turned down NFL's Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers to coach at Yale and attend law school there
Part of Navy Reserve during WW2
Member of US House of Representatives
Appointed Vice President under Nixon, after Spiro Adnew resigned during Watergate
Events in Presidency: Became President after Nixon resigned
Pardoned Nixon for any crimes he committed
"WIN" campaign – Whip Inflation Now – due to rising Inflation
2 assassination attempts, both by women, within 3 weeks of each other in California
Post-presidency: Remained active in politics after presidency
Betty Ford Center founded in CA after her struggle with alcohol and prescription drug addiction
Suffered 2 strokes at age 90, had a pacemaker put in, and died at the age of 93
Trivia: First President to hold office without being elected to the Vice Presidency or Presidency
Longest living president at 93 (Reagan also 93, but Ford lived 45 days longer)

39. President: James "Jimmy" Earl Carter
Served: 1977-1981
Party: Democrat
Born: Oct 1, 1924, Georgia
Died: still living (as of March 2008)
First Lady: Rosalynn Smith, Children: John "Jack" William, James Earl
"Chip" III, Donnell Jeffrey "Jeff", Amy Lynn
Pre-presidency: Was a member of FFA in High School (Future Farmers of
America)
Graduated from the US Naval Academy
Professed Christianity
Served as Governor of Georgia
Events in Presidency: Energy crisis of 1979, had solar panels installed in the
White House, and a wood stove
Inflation continued
SALT Treaty – Strategic Arms Limitation Talks – between
USSR and the US
Iran hostage crisis – Iran takes 52 US hostages
Post-presidency: Lost re-election because of the hostage crisis
Retired to Georgia to his peanut farm
Wrote books
Key leader in Habitat for Humanity presently (March 2008)
Awarded Nobel Peace Prize
Trivia: The first president born in a hospital

40. President: Ronald Reagan
Served: 1981-1989
Party: Republican
Born: Feb 6, 1911, Illinois
Died: June 5, 2004, California
First Lady: Jane Wyman (divorced in 1948), Children: Maureen, Christine (died in infancy), adopted Michael, married Nancy Davis in 1952
Pre-presidency: Worked as radio announcer for Chicago Cubs baseball games
Actor for Warner Brothers studios
Served as governor of California
Events in Presidency: Iran hostages released shortly after inauguration
1981 assassination attempt, bullet nearly missed his heart, hitting his lung
Air traffic controllers strike – Reagan announced that those who have not returned to work within 48 hours would be fired – over 11,00 fired
“Reaganomics” – decreased income taxes, produced many jobs, decreased inflation
Savings and Loan crisis – Stock market crash of 1987
Appointed first female Supreme Court Justice – Sandra Day O’Conner
Iran-Contra Affair – US sold weapons to Iran to release American hostages, then used the money to aid contras in Nicaragua
Cold War continued to grow – 1987 signed treaty to eliminate a class of nuclear weapons
1987 Berlin Wall torn down and Soviet Union collapsed
Post-presidency: Retired to California
Head injury from a horse accident in Mexico
Diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease in 1994
Trivia: Only US President to be divorced
Oldest elected President at 69 years old
Nickname: “Dutch” by his father
“The Gipper” after playing George “Gipper” Gipp in a film
“Ronnie” by his wife, Nancy