1. President: George Washington  
Served: 1789-1797  
Party: Federalist  
Born: Feb. 22, 1732, Colony of Virginia, British America  
Died: Dec 14, 1799, Virginia  
First Lady: Martha Dandridge Custis, a widow with 2 children, John and Martha  
Pre-presidency: Raised by his brother, Lawrence, after the death of his father.  
Was a surveyor  
Colonel in the French-Indian War  
General in the American Revolution  
Events in Presidency: Established the title “President” instead of other titles such as “King” or “Majesty”  
Served 2 terms, establishing the standard maximum terms served by a single President  
Post-presidency: Retired to Mount Vernon where he later died  

2. President: John Adams  
Served: 1797-1801  
Party: Federalist  
Born: Oct 30, 1735, Massachusetts, British America  
Died: July 4, 1826, Massachusetts  
First Lady: Abigail Smith, Children: Abigail, John Quincy, Susanna, Charles, Thomas Boylston and Elizabeth  
Pre-presidency: Lawyer  
Helped write the Declaration of Independence  
Served as Vice President under George Washington  
Events in Presidency: First President to live in the newly built White House  
Post-presidency: Retired to farming  
Died on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, as did Thomas Jefferson
3. President: Thomas Jefferson  
   Served: 1801-1809  
   Party: Democratic - Republican  
   Born: Apr 13, 1743, Virginia  
   Died: July 4, 1826, Virginia  
   Wife: Martha Wayles Skelton (died 1782) Children: Martha Washington, Jane Randolph, Mary Wayles, Lucy Elizabeth  
   Pre-Presidency: Served as Governor of Virginia  
      Wrote the Declaration of Independence  
      Served as Vice President under Adams  
      Served as Secretary of State under Washington  
   Events in Presidency: Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States  
   Post-presidency: Died on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a few hours before John Adams  
   Trivia: Knew 6 languages, studied music, law, science & Philosophy  
      Was a self-taught architect who designed his home in Monticello, VA  
   Namesakes: Jefferson Memorial in Washington D.C., Mount Rushmore, $2 bill, nickel

4. President: James Madison  
   Served: 1809-1817  
   Party: Democratic-Republican  
   Born: Mar 16, 1751, Virginia  
   Died: June 28, 1836, Virginia  
   First Lady: Dolley Payne Todd, Children: none  
   Pre-presidency: Primary writer of the US Constitution  
      Author of the Bill of Rights  
      Served as Secretary of State under Jefferson  
   Events in Presidency: War of 1812 or “Mr. Madison’s War”  
      During the White House fire in 1814, Dolley rescued a portrait of George Washington  
   Post-presidency: Retired to his tobacco plantation  
   Trivia: Shortest President  
      Only President to have 2 vice presidents die while in office  
   Namesakes: $5000 bill
5. President: James Monroe  
Served: 1817-1825  
Party: Democratic-Republican  
Born: Apr 28, 1758, Virginia  
Died: July 4, 1831, New York  
First Lady: Elizabeth Kortright, Children: Maria Hester (married in the White House)  
Pre-presidency: Lawyer  
Governor of Virginia  
Helped negotiate the Louisiana Purchase  
Secretary of State under Madison  
Events in Presidency: Monroe Doctrine – states the US will not allow European nations to establish new colonies in the US and the US will not participate in European wars  
Post-presidency: After his wife’s death, moved to New York to live with his daughter  
Trivia: 3rd president to die on July 4, 55 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed

6. President: John Quincy Adams  
Served: 1825-1829  
Party: Various  
Born: July 11, 1767, Massachusetts  
Died: Feb 23, 1848, Washington, D.C.  
First Lady: Louisa Catherine Johnson, Children: George Washington, John and Louisa  
Pre-presidency: Lawyer  
Secretary of State under James Monroe  
Events in Presidency: Tariff of 1828 raised prices of European products to protect the industry in the United States (very unpopular)  
Post-presidency: Served on the House of Representatives  
Trivia: Took the Oath of Office on a book of laws instead of the Bible
7. President: Andrew Jackson  
Served: 1829-1837  
Party: Democrat  
Born: Mar 15, 1767, South Carolina  
Died: June 8, 1845, Tennessee  
Wife: Rachel Donelson Robards (d. 1828), Adopted sons: Andrew Jackson, Jr. and Lyncoya, an orphaned Indian  
Pre-presidency: Was a courier during the American Revolution at age 13  
Was a teacher and studied law  
Governor of Florida  
Senator from Tennessee  
First Tennessee Congressman  
Events in Presidency: First attempted assassination, but the gun misfired two times  
After the death of his wife, just months before he took office, he invited Rachel’s niece, Emily, to live at the White House and be hostess  
Post-presidency: Retired to his home, “The Hermitage”, close to Nashville, TN  
Namesake: $20 bill

8. President: Martin Van Buren  
Served: 1837-1841  
Party: Democratic-Republican  
Born: Dec 5, 1782, New York  
Died: July 24, 1862, New York  
First Lady: Angelica Van Buren, Daughter-in-law  
His wife: Hannah Hoes (d. 1819), Children: Abraham, John, Martin, Smith Thompson  
Pre-presidency: Lawyer  
Vice President under Jackson  
Secretary of State  
Governor of New York  
Senator from New York  
Events in Presidency: “Trail of Tears” – Cherokee Indians were forced west from Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and many died along the way  
Post-presidency: Returned to home in Kinderhook, NY and planned to be re-elected again for President, but never was  
Trivia: First president that did not experience firsthand the American Revolution
9. President: William Henry Harrison  
Served: 1841  
Party: Whig  
Born: Feb 9, 1773, Virginia  
Died: Apr 4, 1841, Washington, D.C.  
First Lady: Anna Symmes (preparing to move to the White House from OH when her husband died.), 8 children  
Pre-presidency: Had planned to go to school to be a doctor, but his father died and they didn’t have the money for him to continue school  
General in the War of 1812, Battle of Thames  
Governor of Indiana  
Senator from Ohio  
Events in Presidency: Delivered longest inaugural speech in history on a cold, wet day without his coat and caught cold that developed into pneumonia and died 1 month into his term  
Trivia: Shortest presidential term

10. President: John Tyler  
Served: 1841-1845  
Party: Whig  
Born: Mar 29, 1790, Virginia  
Died: Jan 18, 1862, Virginia  
First Lady: Letitia Christian (d. 1842 in the White House) 8 children, Julia Gardiner 7 children  
Pre-presidency: Studied law  
Governor of Virginia  
Senator from Virginia  
Served as Vice President under William Henry Harrison  
Events in Presidency: Became President after William Henry Harrison died  
Was referred to as “acting president” because many people did not like him  
Texas annexed into the Union  
Post-presidency: Retired to Virginia plantation  
His death was not mourned in Washington because he was part of the Confederate States at the time.  
Trivia: First Vice President to assume office because of the death of the President  
Phrase “Tippecanoe and Tyler Too”, William Henry Harrison known as hero of the Tippecanoe  
First president to be married during term