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  
Vetoed 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.