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 standing 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
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  
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 Once 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 names 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  
Party: Democrat  
Born: Oct 1, 1924, George  
Died: still living (as of March 2008)  
First Lady: Rosalynn Smith, Children: John “Jack” William, James Earl “Chip” III, Donnel 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 11,000 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