

President Information

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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 two 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

Namesake: \$1 bill, quarter, Mount Rushmore, Washington Monument, Washington State, Washington D.C.

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 six 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 two 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 4th; he died 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

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: Unmarried while in office

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

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 a cold that developed into pneumonia and died one 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”
Harrison was known as hero of the Tippecanoe
First president to be married during term

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; this happened one 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 nine; 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, five 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

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.

21. President: Chester Alan Arthur

Served: 1881-1885

Party: Republican

Born: Oct 5, 1829, Vermont (although he claimed it was 1830)

Died: Nov 18, 1886, New York

First Lady: His sister, Mary Arthur McElroy, served as hostess and helped raise his daughter

Wife: Ellen Lewis Herndon (d. 1880)

Children: William Lewis Herndon (died age 2), Chester Alan II, Ellen Hansbrough Herndon

Pre-presidency: Was a Principal Lawyer

Served as Vice President under Garfield

Events in Presidency: Became President after the death of Garfield
Redecorated the White House before moving in,
Rutherford Hayes bought two wagonloads of furniture
from the White House

Post-presidency: Couldn't get enough support to run for Senate like he
intended
Died of a brain hemorrhage

22. President: Grover Cleveland

Served: 1885-1889, 1893-1897

Party: Democrat

Born: Mar 18, 1837, New Jersey

Died: June 24, 1908, New Jersey

First Lady: Frances Folsom

Children: Ruth, Esther, Marion, Richard Folsom, Francis Grover

Pre-presidency: Lawyer
Sheriff in Erie County, New York
Mayor in Buffalo, New York
Governor of New York

Events in Presidency (1st term): Married his wife, Frances, while in the
White House

Between terms: Returned to law practice in New York

Events in Presidency (2nd term): Economic panic of 1893
Had secret surgery to remove a malignant
tumor in his upper palate

Post-presidency: Returned to New Jersey and was a trustee at Princeton
University

Namesakes: \$1000 bill

Trivia: His wife, Frances, was the youngest First Lady at age 21

23. President: Benjamin Harrison

Served: 1889-1893

Party: Republican

Born: Aug 20, 1833, Ohio

Died: Mar 13, 1901, Indiana
First Lady: Caroline Lavinia Scott (d. 1892)
Children: Russell Benjamin, Mary Scott (Mamie)
Mary continued the roll of First Lady after her mother died

Pre-presidency: Lawyer
 Senator from Indiana

Events in Presidency: Started the annexation of Hawaii

Post-presidency: Married widow Mary Scott Lord Dimmick, niece of his
 deceased wife, Children: Elizabeth

Namesake: Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, IN

Trivia: Known as “Centennial President” because he was president during
 the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of Washington
 Only president who was the grandson of a previous president
 Harrison had electricity installed in the White House

24. President: Grover Cleveland (re-elected)

25. President: William McKinley, Jr.

Served: 1897-1901
Party: Republican
Born: Jan 29, 1843, Ohio
Died: Sept 14, 1901, New York
First Lady: Ida Saxton

Pre-presidency: Governor of Ohio

Events in Presidency: McKinley Act – high tariffs
 Treaty of Paris – acquired Guam, Puerto Rico and the
 Philippine Islands
 Shot twice by Leon Frank Czolgosz and seemed to be
 recovering, but later died

Namesakes: Mount McKinley, Alaska
 \$500 bill
 William McKinley National Memorial, Canton, OH

26. President: Theodore Roosevelt

Served: 1901-1909

Party: Republican

Born: Oct 27, 1858, New York

Died: Jan 6, 1919, New York

First Lady: Edith Kermit Carow (2nd wife)

Children: Alice (1st wife), Ted, Kermit, Ethel, Archie, Quentin

Pre-presidency: Loved studying animals and was an outdoorsman
Colonel in the Navy
Governor of New York
Served as Vice President under McKinley

Events in Presidency: Became President after the death of McKinley
Building of the Panama Canal

Post-presidency: Went on an African safari doing research for the Smithsonian and the American Museum of Natural History
Campaigned against Taft for the Republican nomination for President in 1913, but lost
Attempted assassination while campaigning – Bullet went through eye glasses case and his speech
Went one to deliver the speech, while bleeding, before going to the doctors
Went on expedition in South America where he contracted malaria

Trivia: First President under constant Secret Service protection
First President to invite a colored man, Booker T. Washington, into the White House
First President to ride in an airplane
Quote “Speak softly and carry and big stick.”

Namesake: Teddy Bear, after he refused to a bear during a hunt in Mississippi
Nickname – Teddy – even though he disliked the name
Mount Rushmore
Submarine and aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt

27. President: William H Taft

Served: 1909-1913

Party: Republican

Born: Sept 15, 1857, Ohio

Died: Mar 8, 1930, Washington, D.C.

First Lady: Helen (Nellie) Herron

Pre-presidency: Assistant Prosecutor of Hamilton County, Ohio
Collector for the IRS
Judge of Ohio Superior Court
Professor of Constitutional Law at University of Cincinnati
First Governor – General of the Philippines

Events in Presidency: Income taxes collection becoming part of the 16th amendment to the Constitution

Post-presidency: Chief Justice

Trivia: First President buried at Arlington National Cemetery
7th inning stretch owed to Taft: during the 7th inning of a game, he stood up to stretch and everyone else followed

28. President: Woodrow Wilson

Served: 1913-1921

Party: Democrat

Born: Dec 28, 1856, Virginia

Died: Feb 3, 1924, Washington D.C.

First Lady: Ellen Louise Axson (d. 1914)

Children: Margaret Woodrow, Jessie, Eleanor R., Edith Bolling Galt

Pre-presidency: Was a preacher's kid
Took classes at Princeton University, but withdrew for health reasons
Practiced law
Taught at Princeton University, later promoted to President
Was governor of New Jersey

Events in Presidency: Wife died in 1914; he remarried in 1915
Federal Reserve Act passed – one government owned

central bank
Struggled to keep America out of World War 1, until his second term in 1917
Oct. 1919, suffered a stroke that left him almost totally Incapacitated; this was kept from the public by his wife

Post-presidency: Retired to a home in Washington D.C. where he later died in 1921

Namesakes: Home in Washington, D.C. now a museum, the Woodrow Wilson House and the \$100,000 bill

29. President: Warren Gamaliel Bancroft Winnipeg Harding

Served: 1921-1923

Party: Republican

Born: Nov. 2, 1865, Ohio

Died: Aug 2, 1923, California

First Lady: Florence Kling

Pre-presidency: Owned a newspaper
Married Florence against her father's wishes
Senator from Ohio

Events in Presidency: Established the Bureau of Veteran Affairs, meeting the needs of those who served in the armed forces
Peace treaties signed officially ending World War 1
Planned a "Voyage of Understanding", making his way across the country to talk with ordinary people.
On his way back from Alaska, became sick. Died in California.

Namesakes: Harding Memorial in Marion, Ohio

30. President: (John) Calvin Coolidge, Jr.

Served: 1923-1929

Party: Republican

Born: July 4, 1872, Vermont

Died: Jan 5, 1933, Massachusetts

First Lady: Grace Goodhue

Children: John and Calvin, Jr.

Pre-presidency: Practiced law
Governor of Massachusetts

Vice President of US under Harding

Events in Presidency: Became President after the death of Harding
Son, Calvin, Jr., developed an infection in his foot and later died

Post-presidency: Published an autobiography
Had a column in a newspaper titled "Calvin Coolidge says"
Died of a heart attack

Trivia: Nicknamed "Silent Cal"
Wife, Grace, had a pet raccoon named Rebecca
Inauguration was the first heard on radio

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 reorganize 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

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 his inauguration, the Germans surrendered in WW2 – then after the two 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 two 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

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 two 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 three-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
Two assassination attempts, both by women, within three 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:

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: Nancy Davis

First Wife: married Jane Wyman (divorced in 1948)

Children: Maureen, Christine (died in infancy), Michael

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

41. President: George Herbert Walker Bush

Served: 1989-1993

Party: Republican

Born: Jun 12, 1924, Massachusetts

Died: November 30, 2018

First Lady: Barbara Pierce

Children: George Walker, Pauline Robinson (died of leukemia in 1953), John Ellis "Jeb", Neil Mallon, Marvin, Dorothy

Pre-presidency: Naval aviator during WW2
Graduated from Yale with a degree in economics
Served in US House of Representatives
Was Ambassador to the United Nations
Served as Vice President under Reagan

Events in Presidency: Gulf War - Desert Storm was series of air strikes that forced Iraq out of Kuwait
Raised taxes after famous quote "Read my lips, no new taxes"

Post-presidency: Retired to Texas

42. President: William Jefferson Clinton (born William Jefferson Blythe, III)

Served: 1993-2001

Party: Democrat

Born: Aug. 19, 1946, Arkansas

Died:

First Lady: Hillary Rodham
Children: Chelsea

Pre-presidency: Father killed in auto accident 3 months prior to his birth
Mother remarried Roger Clinton, adopted "Billy" at age 14
JD (Juris Doctor) degree from Yale School of Law
Governor of Arkansas

Events in Presidency: Family and Medical Leave Act – allowing employees to take a leave of absence due to pregnancy or other illness
Launched first White House website
NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)
Brady Bill – five-day waiting period after the purchase of a Handgun
Earned Income Tax Credit – tax benefit for those with low Income
Lewinsky Scandal

Post-presidency: Moved to New York where he assisted his wife, Hillary, in her campaign as Senator of New York
Author and public speaker
Established William J. Clinton Foundation for treatment of HIV/AIDS to be more affordable
Worked with George H.W. Bush to help victims of Indian Ocean tsunami and Hurricane Katrina

Trivia: First "Baby Boomer" president

43. President: George W. Bush

Served: 2001-2009

Party: Republican

Born: July 6, 1946, Connecticut

Died:

First Lady: Laura Welch

Children: Barbara and Jenna (twins)

Pre-presidency: Bachelor's degree in history from Yale
Worked in Washington, D.C. during his father's campaigns
Governor of Texas

Events in Presidency: 9-11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington (Sept. 11, 2001)
Following the attacks, announced War on Terrorism – US forces to Afghanistan to destroy the al-Qaeda

organization headed by Osama Bin Laden
Troops to Iraq to find and destroy weapons of mass
destruction and Saddam Hussein
Created Dept of Homeland Security to help protect
American cities
Ended the dictatorship of Hussein in Iraq
No Child Left Behind Act – federal funding to low income
area schools
Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act – use of stem cells
for research but not allowing the destroying of embryos
(abortion) for the research – used veto power to pass
Hurricane Katrina in 2005
Assassination attempt in 2005

44. President: Barack Hussein Obama

Served: 2009-2017

Party: Democrat

Born: October 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii

Died:

First Lady: Michelle LaVaughn Robinson

Children: Sasha and Malia

Pre-presidency: Bachelor's degree from Columbia University in 1983
attorney and community organizer
Illinois State Senator: 1997-2004
U.S. Senator 2004-2008

Events in Presidency: First Black President of the United States
Signed the landmark Affordable Health Care Act

45. President: Donald Trump

Served: 2017-

Party: Republican

Born: June 14, 1946 in New York City

Died:

First Lady: Melania Knass

Children: Donald Jr. (with first wife, Ivana), Ivanka (with first wife, Ivana), and Eric
(with first wife, Ivana); Tiffany (with second wife, Marla Maples); Barron (with
third wife, Melania).

Pre-presidency: He became president of his father's real estate business in 1971.
He renamed it The Trump Organization and expanded it to building skyscrapers,
renovating skyscrapers, hotels, casinos, and golf courses.

Events in Presidency:

Corona Virus Pandemic

Appointed three Supreme Court justices: Neil
Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett

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