

AP U. S. HISTORY PRESIDENTS LIST

The Young Republic, 1788-1815

1. George Washington, 1789-1797, (no party)
VP – John Adams
Secretary of State – Thomas Jefferson
Secretary of Treasury – Alexander Hamilton
Major Items: Judiciary Act, 1789
Tariff of 1789
French Revolution – Citizen Genét, 1793
Whiskey Rebellion, 1794
Jay Treaty with England, 1795
Pinckney Treaty with Spain, 1795
Farewell Address, 1796
First Bank of United States , 1791-1811
2. John Adams, 1797-1801, Federalist
VP – Thomas Jefferson
Major Items: XYZ Affair, 1797
Alien Acts, Sedition Act, 1798
Naturalization Act
"Midnight Judges," 1801
Kentucky (Jefferson) & Virginia (Madison) Resolutions, 1798
3. Thomas Jefferson, 1801-1809, Republican
VP – Aaron Burr, George Clinton
Secretary of State – James Madison
Major Items: Marbury v. Madison, 1803
Louisiana Purchase, 1803
Lewis & Clark Expedition, 1804-1805
12th Amendment, 1804
Embargo Act, 1807
Non-Intercourse Act, 1809
4. James Madison, 1809-1817, Republican
VP – George Clinton, Elbridge Gerry
Secretary of State – James Monroe
Major Items: Macon Act, 1810
Berlin & Milan Decrees (France)
Orders in Council (Britain)
"War Hawks," 1811-1812
War of 1812
Hartford Convention, 1814
First Protective Tariff, 1816

Era of Good Feelings & the Era of the Common Man, 1815-1840

5. James Monroe, 1817-1825, Republican
VP – Daniel Tompkins
Secretary of State – John Quincy Adams
Major Items: Marshall's Decisions: McCulloch v. Maryland, 1819; Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 1819;
Gibbons v. Ogden, 1824
Rush-Bagot Agreement, 1817
Convention of 1818 (U. S. & Great Britain)
Acquisition of Florida from Spain, 1819

Transcontinental or Adam-Oñis Treaty, 1819
Missouri Compromise, 1820
Monroe Doctrine, 1823
Sectional Tariff, 1824
“Favorite Sons Election” [Jackson, J. Q. Adams, Crawford, Clay], 1824

5. John Quincy Adams, 1825-1829, National Republican
VP – John C. Calhoun
Secretary of State – Henry Clay
Major Items: "Corrupt Bargain"
Erie Canal, 1825
Tariff of Abominations
Calhoun's Exposition & Protest, 1828
7. Andrew Jackson, 1829-1837, Democrat
VP – John C. Calhoun, Martin Van Buren
Major Items: Jacksonian Democracy
Indian Removal
Nullification Crisis 1832-33
Tariffs of 1832 & 1833
The 2nd Bank of the United States (due to expire in 1836)
Formation of the Whig Party, 1832
8. Martin Van Buren, 1837-1841, Democrat
VP – Richard M. Johnson
Major Items: Panic of 1837
Specie Circular, no Bank of the United States
Unsound financing by state governments

Antebellum Period, 1840-1860

9. William Henry Harrison, 1841, Whig
VP – John Tyler
Secretary of State – Daniel Webster
 10. John Tyler, 1841-1845
Anti-Jackson Democrat ran as VP on Whig ticket
Secretary of State – Daniel Webster
Major Items: Webster-Ashburton Treaty, 1842
Vetoes Clay's bill for 3rd Bank of the United States
Canadian Border set at 49th parallel
- James K. Polk, 1845-1849, Democrat
original "dark horse" candidate
VP – George Dallas
Major Items: Manifest Destiny
Texas becomes a state, 1845
Oregon boundary settled, 1846
Wilmot Proviso
Mexican War, 1846-1848
Treaty of Guadeloupe-Hidalgo, 1848
12. Zachary Taylor, 1849-1850, Whig
VP – Millard Fillmore
 13. Millard Fillmore, 1850-1853, Whig
Secretary of State – Daniel Webster
Major Items: Compromise of 1850

Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, 1850 (Britain & U. S. agree not to expand in Central America if the canal is built)

Uncle Tom's Cabin, 1852

14. Franklin Pierce, 1853-1857, Democrat
VP – William King
Major Items: Kansas-Nebraska Act, 1854
popular sovereignty
Japan opened to world trade, 1853
Underground Railroad
Bleeding Kansas
Ostend Manifesto, 1854
15. James Buchanan, 1857-1861, Democrat
VP – John C. Breckinridge
Major Items: Dred Scott decision, 1857
Lincoln-Douglas Debates, 1858

Civil War, 1861-1865

16. Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865, Republican
VP – Hannibal Hamlin, Andrew Johnson
Secretary of State – William H. Seward (New York)
Secretary of Treasury – Salmon P. Chase
Secretary of War – Edwin M. Stanton
Major Items: Civil War, 1861-1865
Emancipation Proclamation, 1863
Homestead Act, 1862
Morill Act, 1862 (created agricultural colleges)
Assassinated April 15th, 1865, by John Wilkes Booth

Reconstruction, 1865-1877

17. Andrew Johnson, 1865-1869, Republican
Secretary of State – William H. Seward
Major Items: 13th Amendment, 1865
14th Amendment, 1868
Reconstruction Act, 1867
Tenure of Office Act, 1867
Impeachment Trial, 1868
Formation of KKK
Adoption of Black Codes in the South
18. Ulysses S. Grant, 1869-1877, Republican
VP – Schuyler Colfax, Henry Wilson
Secretary of State – Hamilton Fish
Major Items: 15th Amendment, 1870
First Transcontinental Railroad, 1869
Tweed Ring
Panic of 1873
Crédit Mobilier
Whiskey Ring
Indian Ring

Gilded Age, 1877-1900

19. Rutherford B. Hayes, 1877-1881, Republican

- VP – William Wheeler
 Major Items: Bland-Allison Act, 1878 (free coinage of silver)
 Troops withdrawn from the South, 1877
20. James A Garfield, March 4 to September 19, 1881, Republican
 VP – Chester A. Arthur
 Secretary of State – James A. Blaine
 Major Items: Assassinated by C. Julius Guiteau
21. Chester A. Arthur, 1881-1885, Republican
 Secretary of State – James A. Blaine
 Major Items: Pendleton Act, 1883 (set up civil service commission)
22. Grover Cleveland, 1885-1889, Democrat
 VP – T. A. Hendricks
 Major Items: Knights of Labor, 1886
 Haymarket Riot, 1886
 Interstate Commerce Act, 1887
 Washburn v. Illinois, 1886
23. Benjamin Harrison, 1889-1893, Republican
 VP – Levi Morgan
 Secretary of State – James A. Blaine
 Major Items: Sherman Anti-trust Act, 1890
 Populist Party Platform, 1892
 North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington become states, 1889
 Idaho & Wyoming become states, 1890
 McKinley Tariff, 1890
 Sherman Act, 1890
24. Grover Cleveland, 1893-1897, Democrat
 Second Administration (only President to serve two non-consecutive terms)
 VP – Adlai Stevenson
 Major Items: Panic of 1893
 Hawaiian incident, 1893
 Venezuelan Boundary Affair, 1895
 Pullman Strike, 1894
 American Federation of Labor
 Wilson-Gorman Tariff, 1894
25. William McKinley, 1897-1901, Republican
 VP – Garret Hobart, Theodore Roosevelt
 Secretary of State – John Hay
 Major Items: New Imperialism
 Spanish-American War, April 1898 - February 1899
 Open Door Policy, 1899
 Boxer Rebellion, 1900
 McKinley was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz, 1901

Progressive Era, 1900-1920

26. Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909, Republican
 VP – Charles Fairbanks
 Secretary of State – John Hay, Elihu Root
 Major Items: Panama Canal, 1903-1914
 "Square Deal"
 Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine, 1904

Portsmouth Treaty, 1905
 Gentleman's Agreement with Japan, 1904
 Hague Conferences, 1899 & 1907
 Hepburn Act, 1906
 Pure Food & Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act, & "muckrakers", 1906
 Political reforms of the Roosevelt Era
 Trust-busting
 Coal Strike
 Conservation
 Venezuelan Debt Controversy, 1902
 Dominican Republic Crisis, 1902
 Algerian Conference over Morocco, 1906

27. William Howard Taft, 1909-1913, Republican
 VP – James Sherman
 Major Items: Paine-Aldrich Tariff, 1909
 Pinchot-Ballinger controversy, 1909 (conservation v. reclamation)
 "Dollar Diplomacy"
28. Woodrow Wilson, 1913-1921, Democrat
 VP – Thomas Marshall
 Major Items: Underwood Tariff, 1913
 16th, 17th, 18th, & 19th Amendments
 Glass-Owen Bill / Federal Reserve Act, 1913
 Federal Trade Commission, 1914
 Clayton Anti-trust Act, 1914
 Troops to Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Virgin Islands, Mexico
 The Lusitania, May 1915
 "Fourteen Points," January 1917
 Treaty of Versailles, 1919-1920
 "New Freedom"

Roaring Twenties, 1920-1929

29. Warren G. Harding, 1921-1923, Republican
 "Dark Horse" candidate
 VP – Calvin Coolidge
 Secretary of State – Charles Evans Hughes
 Major Items: Teapot Dome Scandal
 Washington Conference, 1921-1922
 Fordney-McCumber Tariff, 1922
30. Calvin Coolidge, 1923-1929, Republican
 VP – Charles Dawes
 Secretary of State – Frank Kellogg
 Major Items: Kellogg-Briand Pact, 1928
31. Herbert Hoover, 1929-1933, Republican
 VP – Charles Curtis
 Secretary of State – Henry L. Stimson
 Major Items: National Origins Immigration Act, 1929
 Panic & Depression
 Stock market Crash, 1929
 Hawley-Smoot tariff, 1930

The New Deal & the Era of Reform, 1920-1945

32. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933-1945, Democrat
VP – John Nance Garner, Henry Wallace, Harry Truman
Major Items: New Deal
"Alphabet soup" bureaucracies
World War 2
Labor reforms
33. Harry S. Truman, 1945-1953, Democrat
VP – Alben Barkley
Major Items: World War 2 ends
Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima & Nagasaki
Taft-Harley Act, 1947
Truman Doctrine, 1947
Marshall Plan, 1947
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 1949
Korean War, 1950-1953
"Fair Deal"

The Cold War, 1945-1968

34. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953-1961, Republican
VP – Richard Nixon
Major Items: 22nd Amendment
Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas
Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO)
Suez Crisis, 1956
Eisenhower Doctrine
the "race for space"
Alaska & Hawaii become states, 1959
35. John F. Kennedy, 1961-1963, Democrat
VP – Lyndon B. Johnson
Major Items: Alliance for Progress
Baker v. Carr, 1962
Peace Corps
Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962
"New Frontier"
Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty
Assassinated in Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963, by Lee Harvey Oswald
36. Lyndon B. Johnson, 1963-1969, Democrat
VP – Hubert Humphrey
Major Items: The "Cold War"
Cuban Policy
Income tax cut
Wesberry v. Sanders, 1964
Civil Rights Act, 1964
Voting Rights Act, 1965
Anti-Poverty Act, 1964
Elementary & Secondary education reform
Medicare
"Great Society"

Détente, Rapprochement, & the Post-Cold War World, 1968 - present

37. Richard M. Nixon, 1969-1974, Republican
 VP – Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford
 Major Items: "Imperial Presidency"
 Landing on the moon, July 1969
 Warren Burger, Chief Justice, 1969
 Woodstock, August 1969
 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established, 1970
 26th Amendment, 1971
 Visit to China, February 1972
 Visit to Russia, May 1972
 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT), 1972
 Kissinger & "shuttle diplomacy," 1973-1975
 Wounded Knee, South Dakota, 1973
 Allende regime in Chile overthrown with the help of the CIA, September 1973
 Agnew resigns, 1973
 Nixon resigns, August 9, 1974
 Pentagon Papers, August 30, 1971 (superior court allows the NY Times to publish)
38. Gerald Ford, 1974-1977, Republican
 1st appointed President
 VP – Nelson Rockefeller
 Neither President nor Vice-President had been elected
 Major Items: Pardons Richard Nixon
 OPEC crisis, 1974
39. Jimmy Carter, 1977-1981, Democrat
 VP – Walter Mondale
 Major Items: Panama Canal Treaty signed, September 1977
 Established diplomatic relations with China & ended recognition of Taiwan
 Three-Mile Island Incident, March 1979 (nuclear reactor leak in Pennsylvania)
 Egypt & Israel peace treaty; Sadat & Begin win the Nobel Prize, 1979
 Iran Hostage Crisis, 1979 (rescue attempt, 8 killed, April 1980)
 Seizure of Afghanistan by Soviets, 1979
 "Stagflation"
 Boycott of Olympics in Moscow to protest invasion of Afghanistan
40. Ronald Reagan, 1981-1989, Republican
 VP – George H. W. Bush
 Major Items: Hostages returned
 Falkland Islands Crisis, 1982 (U. S. supports England)
 1500 Marines sent to Beirut, 1983; withdrawn in 1984
 Grenada, October 1983
 Nicaragua, 1984
 Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman appointed to the Supreme Court
 "Supply-side economics"
 Iran-Contra Hearings, Summer 1987 (Oliver North)
41. George H. W. Bush, 1989- 1993, Republican
 VP – Dan Quayle
 Major Items: Savings & Loan Scandal, 1990
 Berlin Wall came down leading to the reunification of Germany
 Invasion of Panama, 1990
 Operation Desert Shield & Desert Storm (the Gulf War), January to August 1992
42. Bill Clinton, 1993-2001, Democrat
 VP – Al Gore

- Major Items: North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), 1993
Proposes a national health care system, 1993
Participates in air strikes in Bosnia, 1994
Participates in air strikes in Iraq
Sex scandal, 1998
Participates in air strikes on Serbia, 1999
43. George W. Bush, 2001 – 2009, Republican
VP – Richard “Dick” Cheney
Major Items: Disputed election decided by the Supreme Court
“Compassionate Conservative”
War on Terrorism
Sends U. S. troops to topple the Taliban government of Afghanistan
Invasion of Iraq—leading to a more than four year battle with an unexpected insurgency, 2004-2007
Creates the cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security (2002)
Advocates tax cuts as a stimulant to a slow post-9/11 economy
“Jobless” economic recovery
Sub-prime mortgage crisis spurs an international banking & credit crisis
Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulsen leads a massive attempt to stimulate the economy
44. Barack Obama, 2009-2013, Democrat
VP – Joseph Biden
Major items: Continues & increases aggressive economic stimulus package(s) to spur lending & stimulate the American economy
Begins a re-alignment in foreign relations lead by Secretary of State Hilary Clinton
Proposes troop withdrawals in Iraq & troop increases in Afghanistan
Proposes major education, immigration, & health care reforms