### 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 Thompkins
- Secretary of State – John Quincy Adams

**Major Items:**
- Gibbons v. Ogden, 1824
- Rush-Bagot Agreement, 1817
- Convention of 1818 (U. S. & Great Britain)
- Acquisition of Florida from Spain, 1819
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

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### 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
32. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933-1945, Democrat
   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"

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

   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
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

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

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)

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

   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
                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