

# 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

<b>Antebellum Period, 1840-1860</b>
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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

<b>Progressive Era, 1900-1920</b>
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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"

<b>Roaring Twenties, 1920-1929</b>
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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