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Presidents



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George Washington

1st President ★ 1789 - 1797

Vice President – John Adams



*“It is **better** to offer **no excuse** than a bad one.”*

George Washington

The **ONLY**

President to have been unanimously selected by the Electoral College.

Played a key role in drafting the Constitution.



Participated to keep order and provide a deciding vote on proposals.

Formed the **first** presidential cabinet.



MARTHA



WASHINGTON

The Father of Our Country

Commonly referred to as “Lady Washington”.

Martha is one of only two women (the other being Pocahontas) to have appeared on U.S. paper currency.

Virginia



Born on February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland Co, VA.

Died December 14, 1799.

Oct. 17, 1781

Led the continental army to **victory** over the British.

135 words

Washington's 2nd inaugural speech was the **shortest** ever given.

Washington's face is on **both** the quarter and dollar bill.



1st President

John Adams

2nd President ★ 1797 - 1801

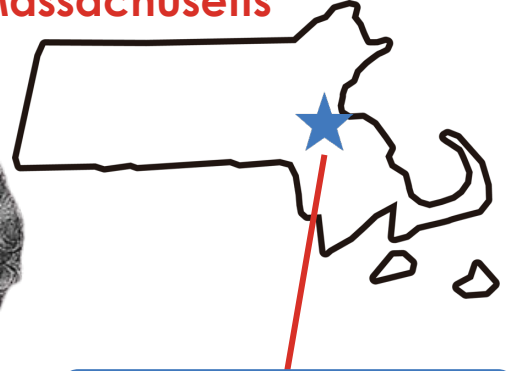
Vice President – Thomas Jefferson



*"I must study **politics and war** that my sons may have liberty to study **mathematics and philosophy.**"*

John Adams

Massachusetts



Born on October 30, 1735, in Braintree (Quincy), MA.

FIRST

President to live in the White House.

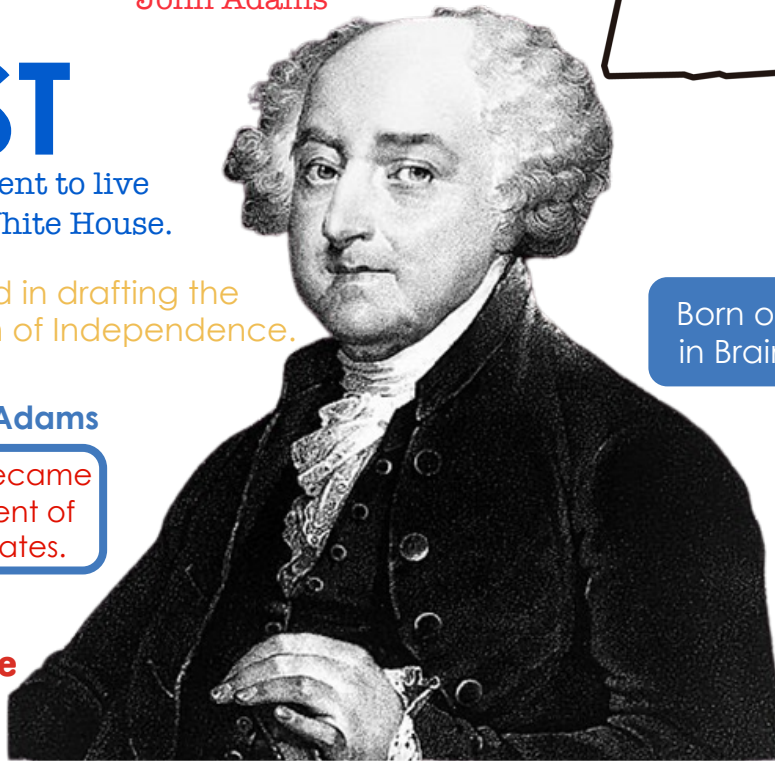


Participated in drafting the Declaration of Independence.

John Quincy Adams

Adams' son became the **6th** President of the United States.

Graduated from **Harvard College** in 1755.



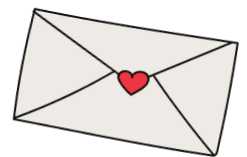
Died July 4, 1826.

Established a **naval force** when the threat of war with France with looming.



Father of the Navy

Adams was a hopeless romantic and wrote **THOUSANDS** of love letters to his wife.



ABIGAIL



ADAMS

Abigail was a big advocate for women's access to education.

With no access to education herself, Abigail was self-taught from the books in her father's library.

2nd President

Thomas Jefferson

3rd President ★ 1801 - 1809

Vice Presidents – Aaron Burr & George Clinton



“We hold these **truths** to be self-evident:
that **all men** are created **equal**. . .”

Thomas Jefferson

Virginia



Born on April 13, 1743,
in Goochland
(Albemarle) County, VA.

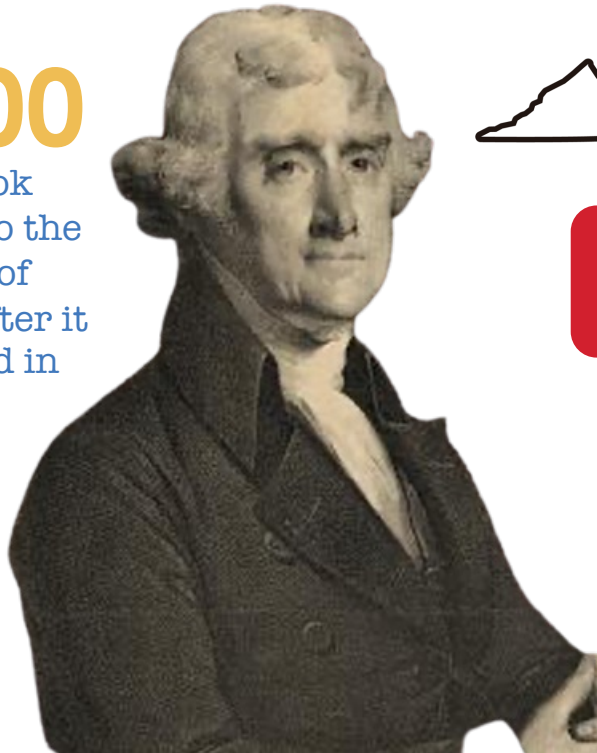
Died July 4, 1826.



Gifted a

6,500

piece book
collection to the
Library of
Congress after it
was raided in
1814.



Before becoming
President, Jefferson
was a part of
drafting the
Declaration of
Independence.



Completed
the Louisiana
Purchase in

1803

this doubled the
size of the U.S.
at the time.

The Pen of the Revolution

Martha did not live to see
Jefferson become President.

No facial image of Martha remains.
This painting of her was created
based off modern descriptions of
her physical attributes.

After the Louisiana Purchase,
Jefferson sent two people out
to explore the new territory.

The Lewis & Clark Expedition



MARTHA

JEFFERSON

3rd President

James Madison

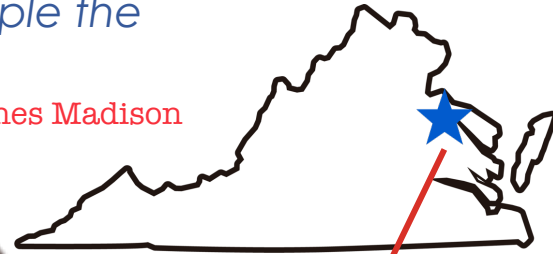
4th President ★ 1809 - 1817

Vice Presidents – George Clinton & Elbridge Gerry



*“The **happy** Union of these States is a **wonder**; their Constitution a **miracle**; their example the **hope** of Liberty throughout the world.”*

James Madison



Virginia

Born on March 16, 1751,
in Port Conway, VA.

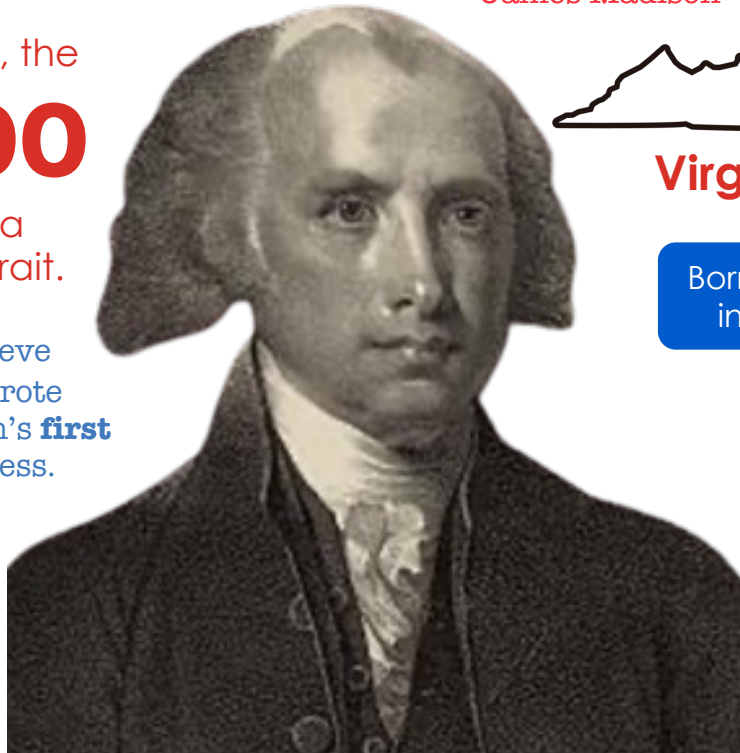
Died June 28, 1836.

Issued until 1969, the

\$5,000

bill featured a
Madison's portrait.

Historians believe
that Madison wrote
George Washington's **first**
inaugural address.



5'4"

The **SHORTEST**
president.



Madison took
part in writing the
Federalist Papers
alongside
Alexander
Hamilton & John
Jay to promote
the ratification of
the Constitution.

Father of the Constitution



MADISON

Dolley began the tradition of
inaugural balls and was the first
to redecorate the White House.

When the British invaded D.C. during the
War of 1812, Dolley saved valuables from
the White House before it was burned down.

Madison and George
Washington were the
ONLY presidents who
signed the Constitution.

4th President

James Monroe

5th President ★ 1817 - 1825

Vice President – Daniel D. Tompkins



“In a representative republic, the **education** of our children must be of the **utmost** importance!”

James Monroe

Monroe held more government offices than any other President. By the time Monroe's presidency was over, he had served the U.S. for

50 years.



Virginia

Born on April 28, 1758,
in Westmoreland Co, VA.

Died July 4, 1831.



1819

Purchased Florida from Spain for \$5,000,000,000 – at this time, Florida became a territory of the U.S, but was not admitted as a state until **1845**.



ELIZABETH

The Last of the Crooked Hats

Accompanied Monroe to France when Washington appointed him U.S. Minister.

Elizabeth was loved by the people in France and was given the affectionate nickname of *la belle Américaine*.



KORTRIGHT MONROE

The Monroe Doctrine

1823

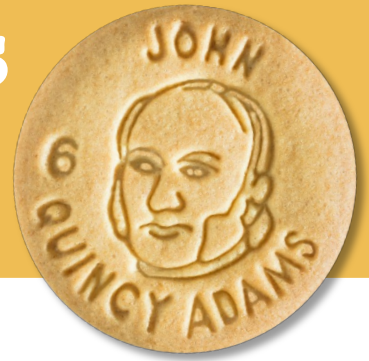
A policy created to stop other nations from interfering with the Western hemisphere.

5th President

John Quincy Adams

6th President ★ 1825 - 1829

Vice President – John C. Calhoun



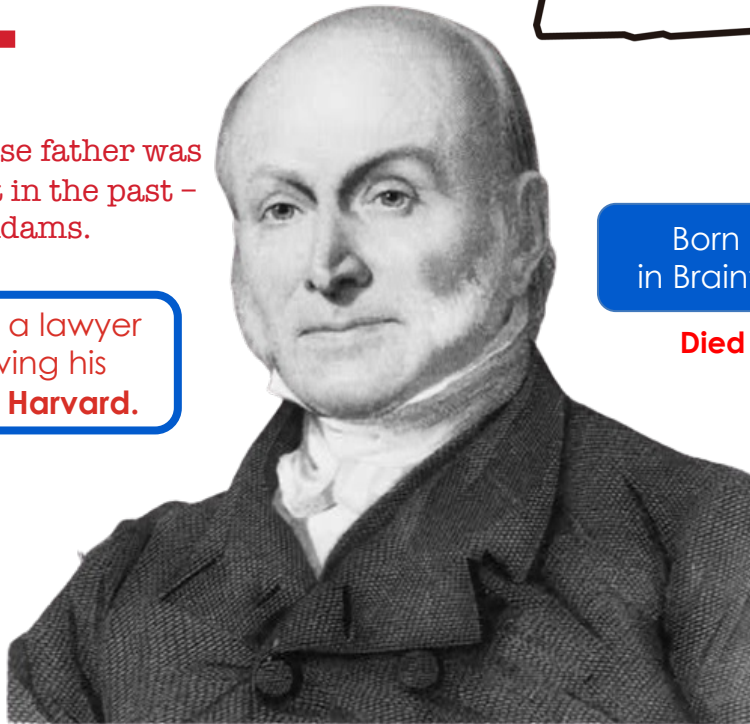
“If your actions **inspire** others to **dream** more, **learn** more, **do** more and **become** more, you are a **leader**.” John Quincy Adams

FIRST

President whose father was also President in the past – John Adams.

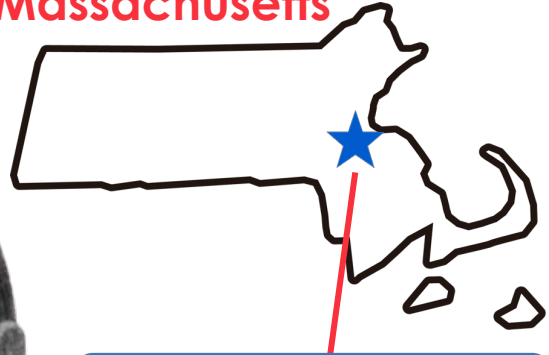
First became a lawyer after receiving his Masters from **Harvard**.

As the Secretary of State under James Monroe, Adams helped draft the **Monroe Doctrine**.



Old Man Eloquent

Massachusetts



Born on July 11, 1767, in Braintree (Quincy), MA.

Died February 23, 1848.

The ONLY

President to enter Congress **after** their Presidential term – became a representative for

Massachusetts



The first First Lady to be born outside of the United States.

Born in London, Louisa did not move to the U.S. until 4 years after marrying John Quincy Adams.

18

Adams served in the House of Representatives for 18 years.

6th President

Andrew Jackson

7th President ★ 1829 - 1837

Vice Presidents – John C. Calhoun & Martin Van Buren



*"I was born for the **storm**, and a **calm** does **not suite** me."*

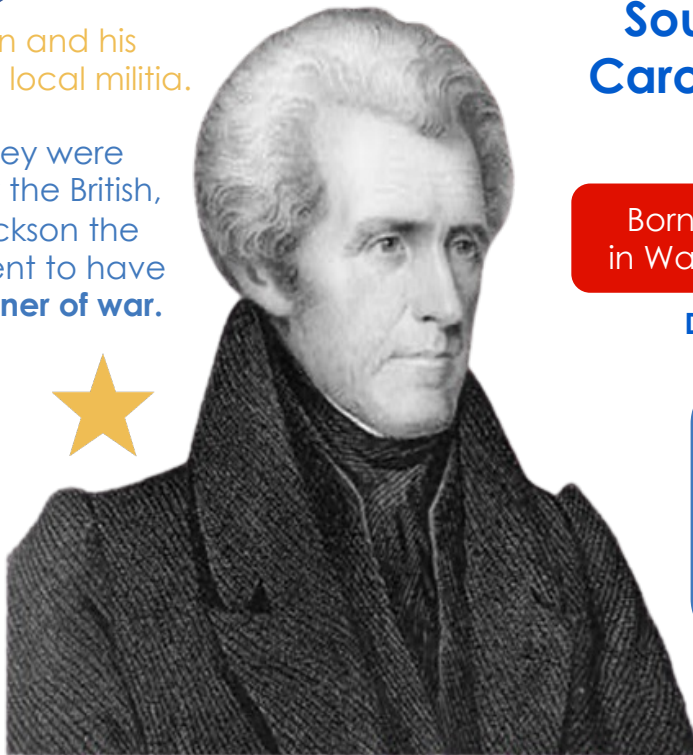
Andrew Jackson

At the age of **13**

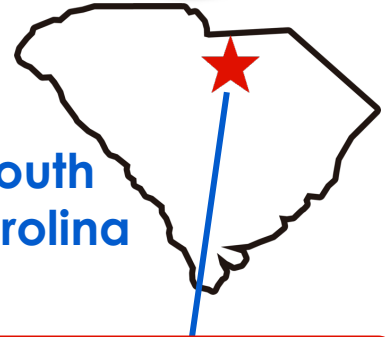
(1780), Jackson and his brother joined the local militia.

In 1781, they were captured by the British, making Jackson the **ONLY** President to have been a **prisoner of war**.

Jackson never had any children of his own, but he adopted **three** sons and was the legal guardian for **eight** other children.



South Carolina



Born on March 15, 1767, in Waxhaw Settlement, SC

Died June 8, 1845.

Jackson was a self-taught lawyer, passing the bar at age of

20

Known as the first "**common man**" to be elected president.

Tennessee's first member of the U.S. **House of Representatives**.

Jackson led his troops to **victory** against the British in the Battle of New Orleans in 1815.

First president to suffer an **assassination** attempt.

Old Hickory

Rachel died before Jackson's Presidential inauguration.

The duties of the First Lady then fell to Rachel's niece, Emily Donelson.



RACHEL

DONELSON JACKSON

7th President

Martin Van Buren

8th President ★ 1837 - 1841

Vice President – Richard M. Johnson



“It is **easier** to do a job **right** than to **explain** why you **didn't**.” Martin Van Buren

The **ONLY**

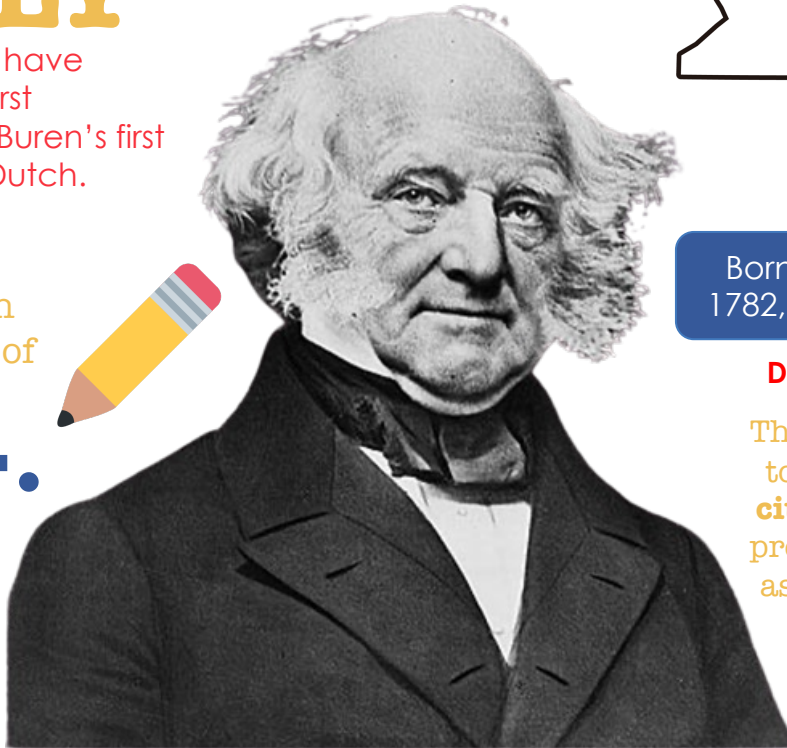
President to not have English as their first language. Van Buren's first language was Dutch.

Only received formal education through the age of

14.



Studied law on his own and passed the bar exam in **1803**.



New York



Born on December 5, 1782, in Kinderhook, NY.

Died July 24, 1862.

The **FIRST** President to be born as a **U.S. citizen**. All previous presidents were born as **British subjects**.



The Panic of 1837

One of Van Buren's primary concern while in office - this was when the stock market crashed, and an economic depression began.



Little Magician

Hannah died before Van Buren took office.

Van Buren's son married Angelica Singleton in 1838 and Angelica was the one who took on the roles of the First Lady.

8th President

William H. Harrison

9th President ★ March 4 – April 4, 1841

Vice President – John Tyler



“The only **legitimate** right to govern is an express **grant** of **power** from the **governed.**”

William Henry Harrison

Harrison gave the **LONGEST**

Ever inaugural address –
1 hour & 45 minutes.

Originally, Harrison wanted to be a **doctor** and attended **Pennsylvania Medical School** before dropping out to join the military.



William and Anna **eloped** and got married in secret.



ANNA



HARRISON

Old Tip

Anna who delayed her move to Washington due to illness, but never made it there before Harrison passed.

Congress voted to give Anna a pension equivalent to Harrison's salary, thus setting a precedent for the pensions of subsequent first ladies.



Virginia

Born on February 9,
1773, in Berkeley, VA.

Died April 4, 1841.

Harrison was the **SHORTEST** serving President in U.S. history. Just **1 month** after taking office, Harrison fell victim to a fatal case of pneumonia.

10

William & Anna had **10** kids. Their **5th** child, John is the father of the **23rd** President, Benjamin Harrison.

9th President

John Tyler

10th President ★ 1841 - 1845

Vice President – None



“Nature governs man by no principle more fixed than that which leads him to pursue his interest.”

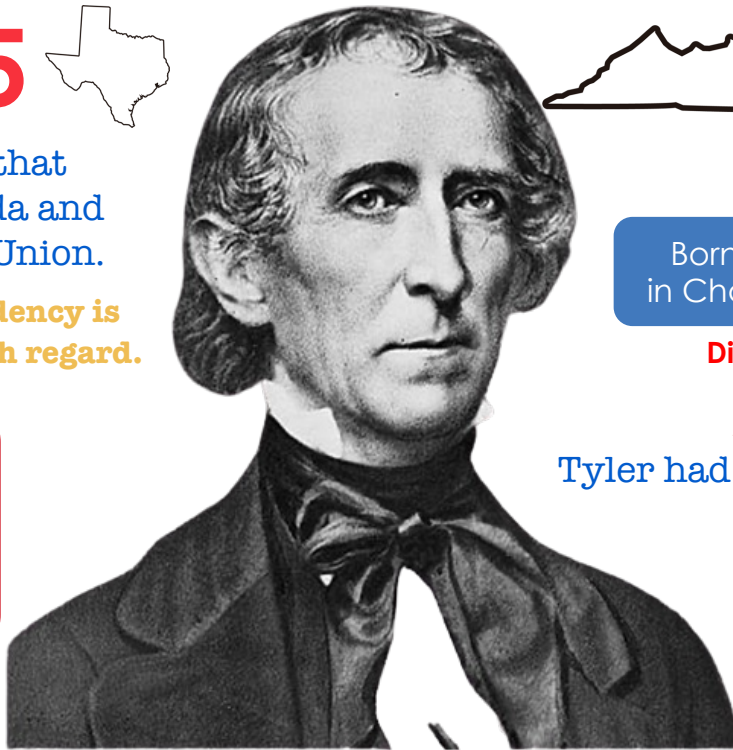
John Tyler

Virginia



Signed a bill that admitted Florida and Texas into the Union.

Tyler's presidency is not seen in high regard.



Born on March 29, 1790, in Charles City County, VA.

Died January 18, 1862.

Tyler had **15** children.

The first Vice President to take over for the President after William Henry Harrison's death.

1841

Tyler vetoed a bill to set up a national bank. Because of this, his entire cabinet resigned, and he was expelled from the Whig party.

JULIA



GARDINER TYLER

His Accidency

Known as the “Rose of Long Island”.

Julia and John were the first couple to marry while holding the presidential office.

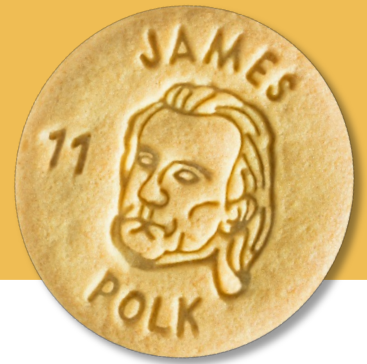


10th President

James K. Polk

11th President ★ 1845 - 1849

Vice President – George M. Dallas



“**Peace, plenty, and contentment** reign throughout our borders, and our **beloved country** presents a **sublime** moral spectacle to the world.”

James K. Polk



North
Carolina

Born on November 2, 1795,
in Mecklenburg Co, NC.

Died June 15, 1849.

Polk's presidential
nomination came as a

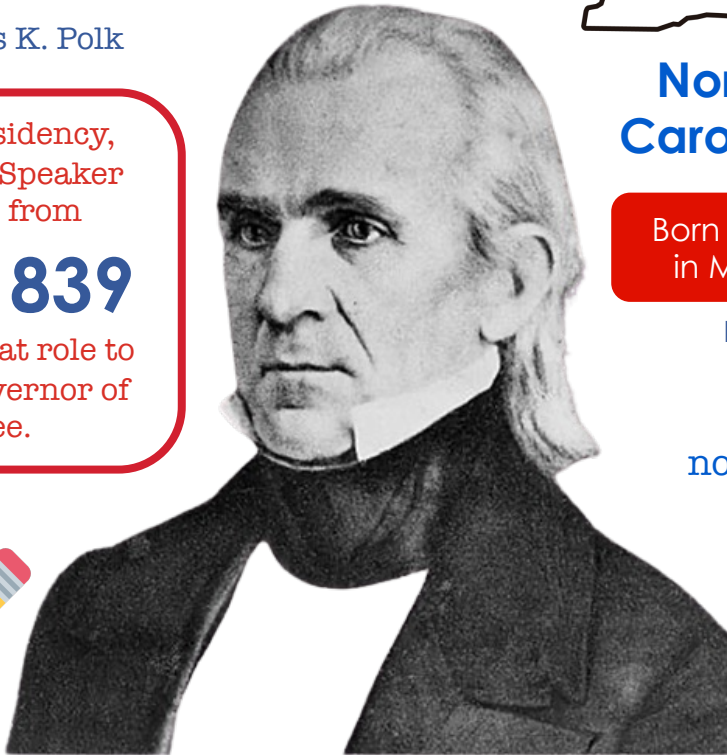
SURPRISE
to everyone,
including himself.

Before his presidency,
Polk served as Speaker
of the House from

1835-1839

Then leaving that role to
become the Governor of
Tennessee.

Polk did
not start
formal
education
until the
age of 18.



Young Hickory

SARAH



CHILDRESS POLK

Sarah was highly educated and
attended one of the few high level
education centers for women –
The Moravians' Female Academy.

Sarah used her education to help Polk write
his speeches. But this had to be done in private
because women had no role in politics at the time.

**Manifest
Destiny**

Polk believed in this
theory and the idea
that the United
States was destined
to expand across
North America.

11th President

Zachary Taylor

12th President ★ 1849 - 1850

Vice President – Millard Fillmore



“Never judge a stranger by their clothes.”

Taylor was known for appearing “disheveled”, wearing a straw hat and farm clothes under his officer’s jacket.

Zachary Taylor

Virginia



Born on November 24, 1784,
in Orange County, VA.

Died July 9, 1850.

Taylor never attended college.

Grew up in the frontier country and had little formal education.

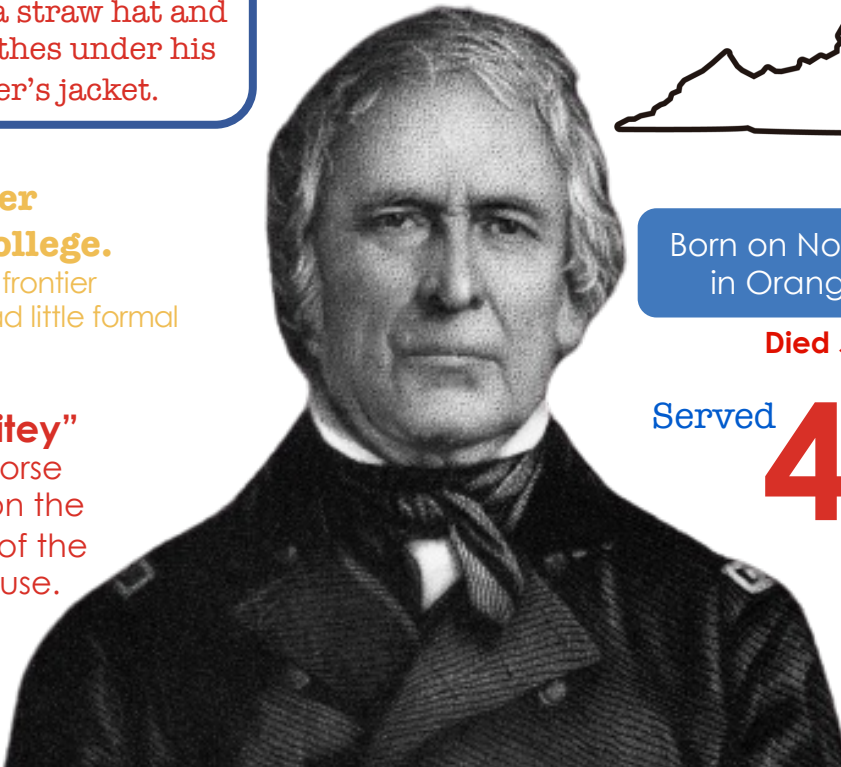
“Old Whitey”

Taylor’s horse was kept on the front lawn of the White House.



Served **40** years in the army.

Taylor’s willingness to share the hardships of field duty with his men earned him his nickname.



Old Rough & Ready

MARGARET

Margaret went by “Peggy”.

Peggy fell ill and left most of her duties to her daughter, Betty Taylor.

Fought in **FOUR** wars:

1. War of 1812
2. Black Hawk War
3. Second Seminole War
4. Mexican-American War



12th President

Millard Fillmore

13th President ★ 1850 - 1853

Vice President – None



*"It is **not strange...**to make **change for progress.**"*

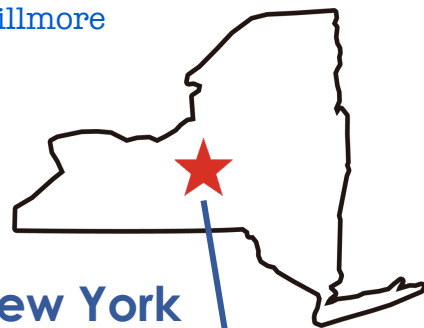
Millard Fillmore



Did not begin formal school until the age of

19

Fillmore then ended up marrying his teacher – **Abigail Powers.**



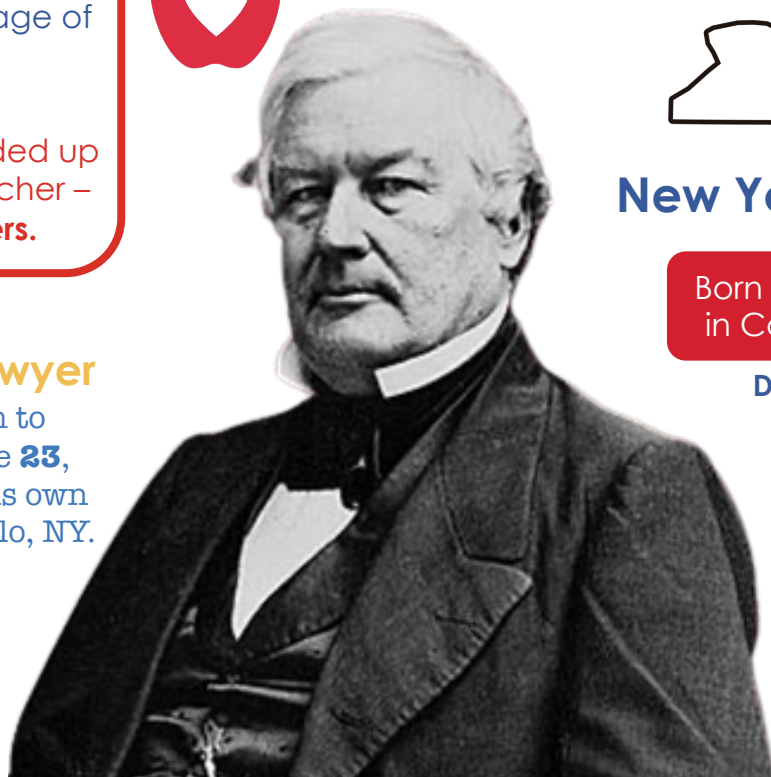
New York

Born on January 7, 1800, in Cayuga County, NY.

Died March 8, 1874.

Self-Taught Lawyer

Passed the exam to practice law at age **23**, and then opened his own law firm near Buffalo, NY.



One of the **5** Presidents to not be formally elected into office – Fillmore became President after Zachary Taylor's unexpected death.

Last of the Whigs



ABIGAIL

POWERS FILLMORE

Abigail was the first First Lady to hold a job after marriage.

Abigail kept her career of being a teacher because of her constant eagerness to learn and the love of teaching others.

Millard & his wife created their own

White House Library with a collection of **1,050 books** personally selected by them both.



13th President

Franklin Pierce

14th President ★ 1853 - 1857

Vice President – William R. King



*"If your **past** is **limited**, your **future** is **boundless**."*

Franklin Pierce

Franklin's inaugural speech was

3,319 words & given

all from memory – **NO NOTES.**

Purchased land in the Southwest which today includes southern New Mexico and Arizona for

\$10,000,000

**New
Hampshire**



Born on November 23, 1804, in Hillsboro, NH.

Died October 8, 1869.

Pierce did not have a **middle name.**

First president to put a Christmas tree in the White House.



JANE



MEANS PIERCE

The death of Jane's third child occurred right before Pierce's inauguration.

The whole nation shared in Jane and Franklin's grief.

Purse

"Purse" is how Franklin pronounced his last name.



Kansas-Nebraska Act

Supported this act which put an end to the Missouri Compromise and allowed states to choose whether they would allow slavery or not. This set the stage for the **Civil War.**

14th President

James Buchanan

15th President ★ 1857 - 1861

Vice President – John C. Breckinridge



“The test of **leadership** is not to put **greatness** into **humanity**, but to **elicit** it, for the **greatness** is already **there**.”

James Buchanan

During Buchanan’s administration, the **Union broke apart**.

By the end of his term, **7** states had left the Union.

→ **The Civil War was looming.**

The **ONLY** President to **never** marry.



Pennsylvania



Born on April 23, 1791, in Cove Gap, PA.

Died June 1, 1868.

James Buchanan Hotel



Buchanan’s childhood home was later turned into a hotel.

65 when he was elected into office.

HARRIET



LANE

Old Buck

Buchanan had his 27-year-old niece – Harriet Lane take on as his hostess in office.

Harriet became very popular and got nicknamed the “Democratic Queen”.

The Dred Scott Ruling

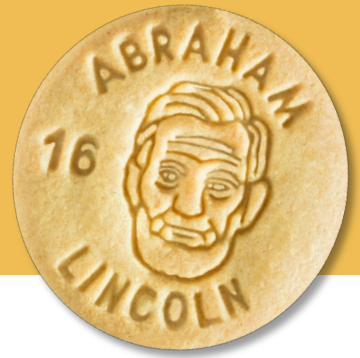
Supported this ruling which stated that the federal government had **no power to ban slavery**. Although Buchanan himself was against slavery, he believed strongly in the law and wanted to avoid Civil War at all costs.

15th President

Abraham Lincoln

16th President ★ 1861 - 1865

Vice Presidents – Hannibal Hamlin & Andrew Johnson



“Whatever you are, be a good one.”

Abraham Lincoln

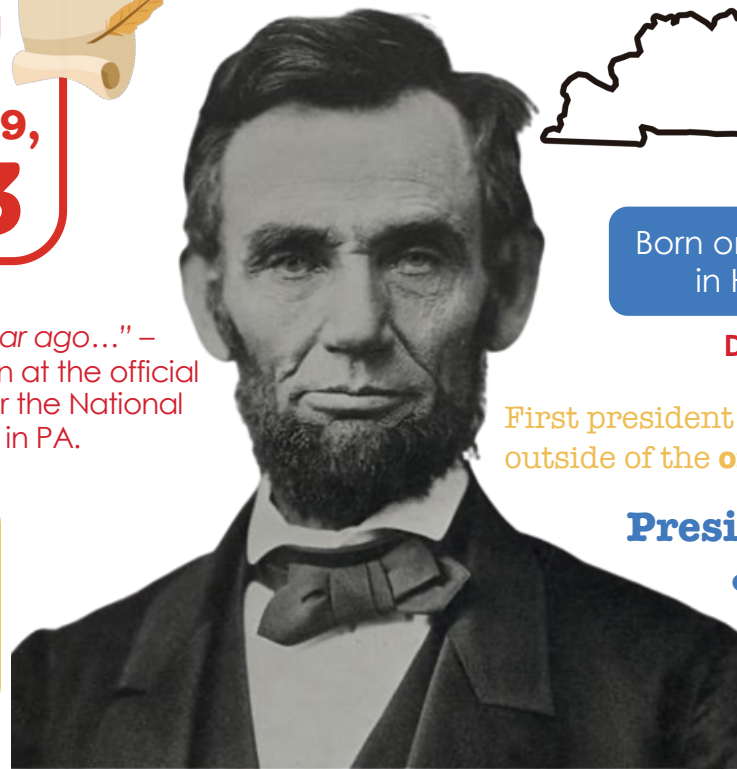
★
Gettysburg
Address
**November 19,
1863**



Born on February 12, 1809,
in Hodgenville, KY.

Died April 15, 1865.

First president to be born
outside of the **original 13 colonies.**



Four score and seven year ago... –
a 272-word speech given at the official
dedication ceremony for the National
Cemetery of Gettysburg in PA.

April 14, 1865
Established the U.S.
Secret Service -
ironically, same day
of his assassination.

**Presidential Library
& Museum**
Springfield, IL

6'4"
The **TALLEST** President

Honest Abe



Mary was known to be a “vivacious,
intelligent and witty” woman.

During the Civil War, Mary volunteered
as nurse in the Union army hospitals.

Lincoln issued the
**Emancipation
Proclamation**
on **January 1, 1863**,
that began the process
of freeing all slaves
across the U.S.

16th President

Andrew Johnson

17th President ★ 1865 - 1869

Vice President – None



“Honest conviction is my courage; the Constitution is my guide.”

Andrew Johnson



Johnson moved to Tennessee as a teenager where he started his own successful tailoring business.



North Carolina

Born on December 29, 1808, in Raleigh, NC.

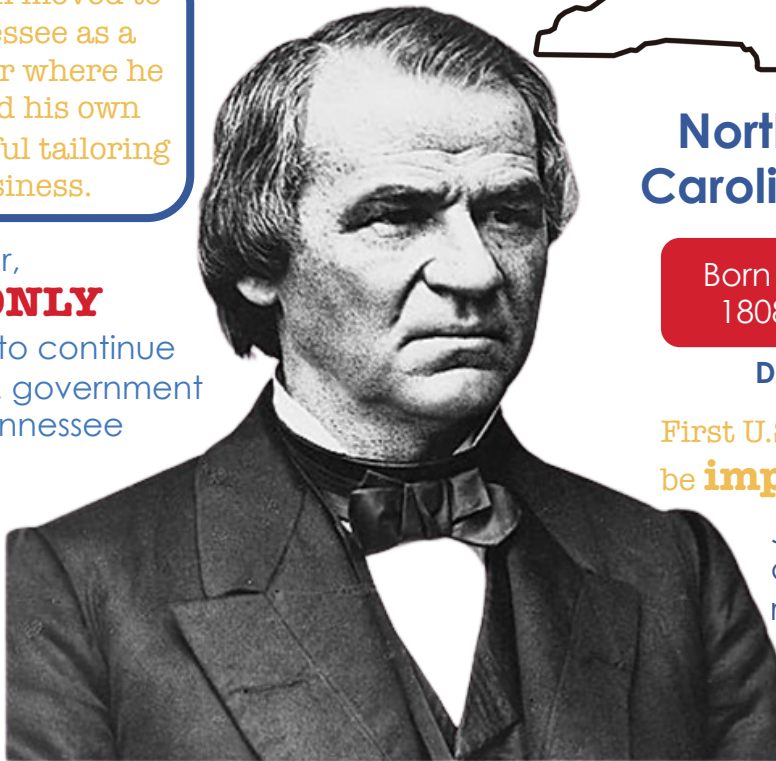
Died July 31, 1875

First U.S. president to be **impeached**.

Johnson won his trial and was allowed to remain in office.



During the Civil War, Johnson was the **ONLY** southern legislator to continue working for the U.S. government after his state of Tennessee left the Union.



Purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million in **GOLD**.

The Veto President — Johnson vetoed legislation that Congress passed to **protect the rights of those who had been freed from slavery**.

Eliza & Andrew got married at ages 16 and 18.

Johnson never went to school – Eliza taught Johnson to read and write more fluently as well as how to do arithmetic.

This resulted in the House of Representatives voting, on **Feb. 24, 1868**, to **impeach** Johnson.



ELIZA

MCCARDLE JOHNSON

17th President

Ulysses S. Grant

18th President ★ 1869 - 1877

Vice Presidents – Schuyler Colfax & Henry Wilson



“In **every** battle there comes a time when **both** sides consider themselves **beaten**. Then he who **continues** the attack **wins**.”

Ulysses S. Grant

Hiram is his legal first name, NOT Ulysses – **Hiram Ulysses Grant**.

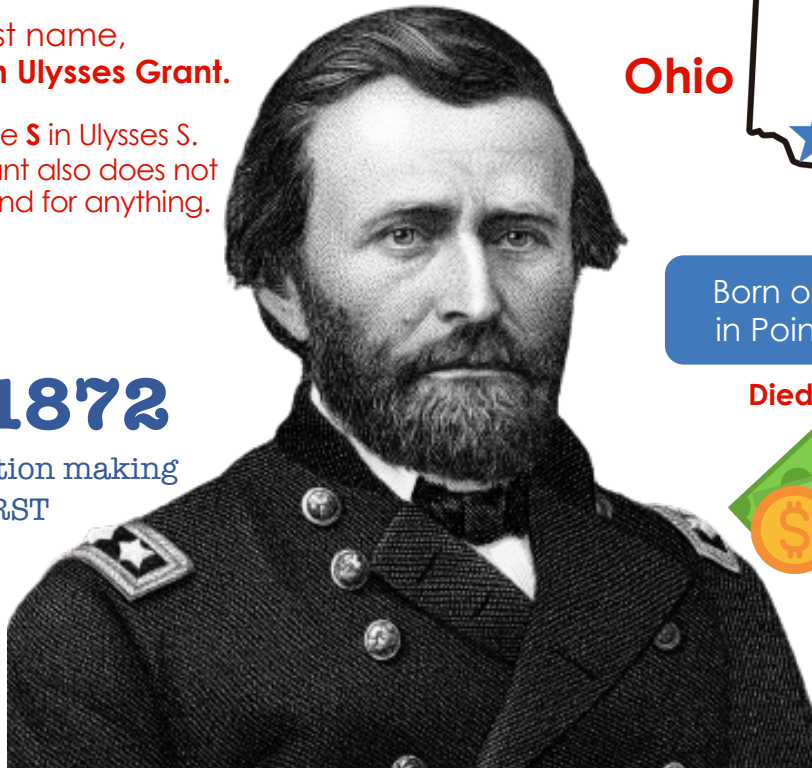
The **S** in Ulysses S. Grant also does not stand for anything.



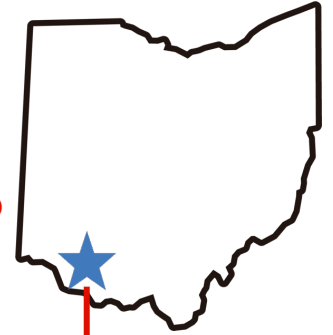
1872

Grant signed legislation making **Yellowstone** the **FIRST** national park.

This also established the **National Park System**.



Ohio



Born on April 27, 1822, in Point Pleasant, OH.

Died July 23, 1885.



Grant's face appears on the front of the **50-dollar bill**.



Uncle Sam Grant

At the time, Grant was the **youngest** President elected at age **46**.

In her words, Julie's time in the White House was "the happiest period" of her life.

Julie was a very popular hostess known for entertaining extensively and lavishly.

Grant is well-known for leading the U.S. to **victory** over the Confederate states.



JULIE
DENT GRANT

18th President

Rutherford B. Hayes

19th President ★ 1877 - 1881

Vice President – William A. Wheeler



“To **vote** is like the **payment of a debt**, a **duty never to be neglected**, if its performance is possible.”

Rutherford B. Hayes

The first annual White House Ester Egg roll was held on

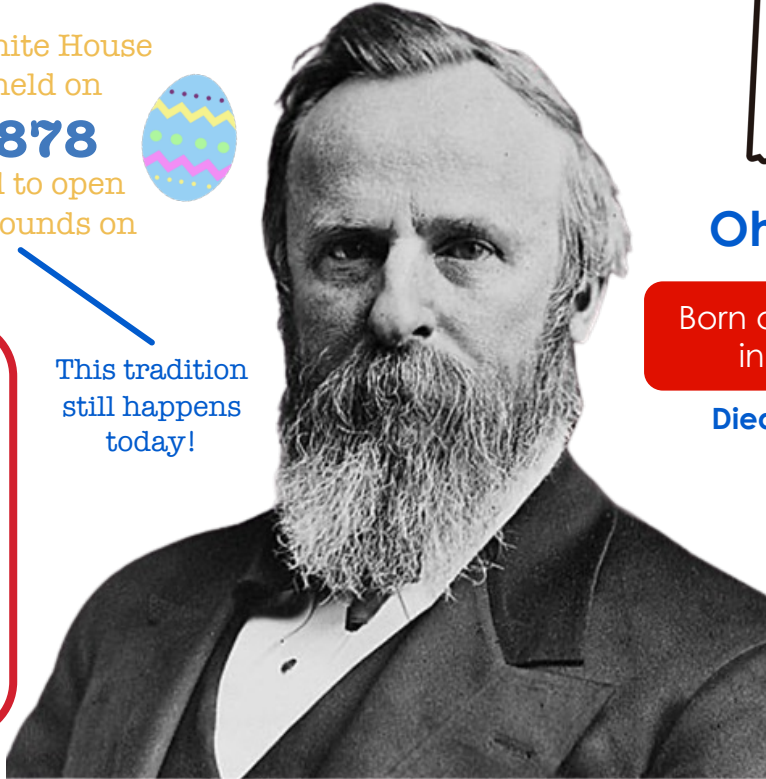
April 22, 1878

when Hayes agreed to open the White House grounds on Easter Monday.



Hayes is known for winning one of the closest presidential elections in history. Many believe he won by fraud, earning him the nickname.

This tradition still happens today!



Ohio

Born on October 4, 1822, in Delaware, OH.

Died January 17, 1893.

1877

Hayes ordered the last of the federal troops to leave the Southern states.

The “B” in Rutherford B. Hayes stand for **Birchard**.

His Fraudulency

Lucy was the first first lady to have earned a college degree.

Lucy drew attention to the importance of those who came before her and set precedents for those who came after.

Hayes wrote about Lucy in his diary -
“Her low sweet voice is very winning... A heart as true as steel... Intellect she has too... By George! I am in love with her!”



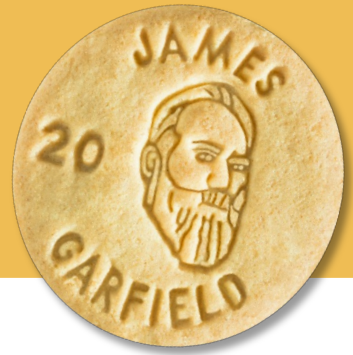
WEBB HAYES

19th President

James Garfield

20th President ★ 1881

Vice President – Chester Arthur



“If **wrinkles** must be written on our **brows**, let them not be written **upon the heart**. The **spirit** should **never grow old**.”

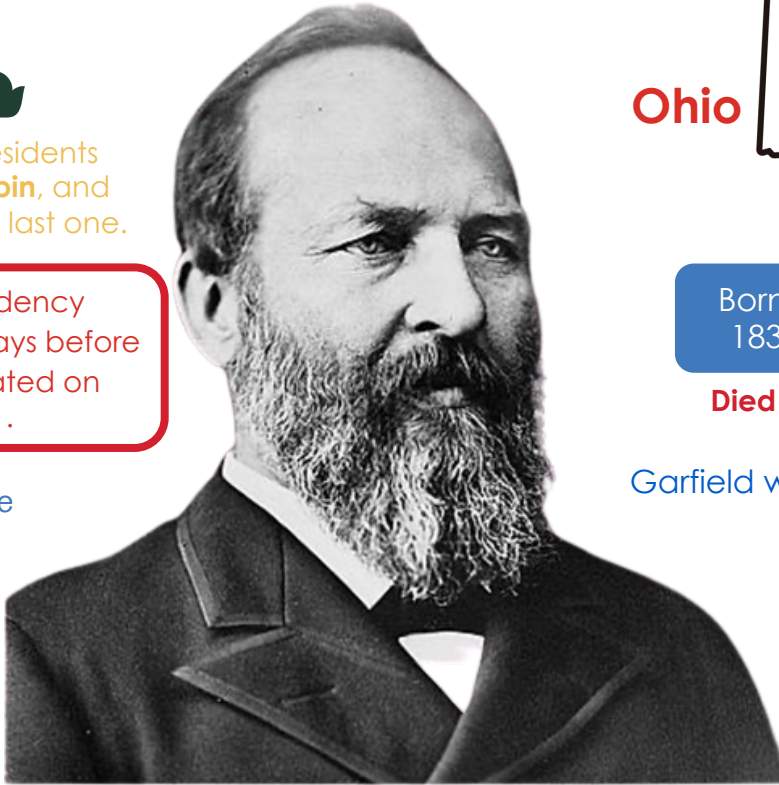
James Garfield



There were 6 presidents born in a **log cabin**, and Garfield was the last one.

Garfield's presidency only lasted **200** days before he was **assassinated** on July 2, 1881.

Garfield stated the **end of slavery** being "**the most important political change**" since the Constitution.



Ohio



Born on November 19, 1831, in Orange, OH.

Died **September 19, 1881**.

Garfield was Civil War **hero**.

President Lincoln at the time convinced Garfield to resign from his military post and devote his time to advocating for Ohio in the House of Representatives.

Garfield was then re-elected into this position for 18 years before becoming President.

This also made Garfield the **ONLY** sitting House member to ever become President.

Preacher President

Lucretia was said to "grow up to every new emergency with fine tact and faultless taste."

She proved this in the eyes of the nation, though she was always a reserved, self-contained woman.

LUCRETIA



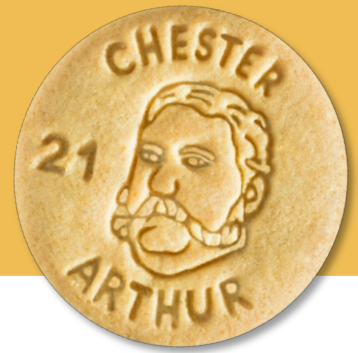
RUDOLPH GARFIELD

20th President

Chester Arthur

21st President ★ 1881 - 1885

Vice President – None



“Where you **stand** depends on where you **sit.**”

Chester Arthur

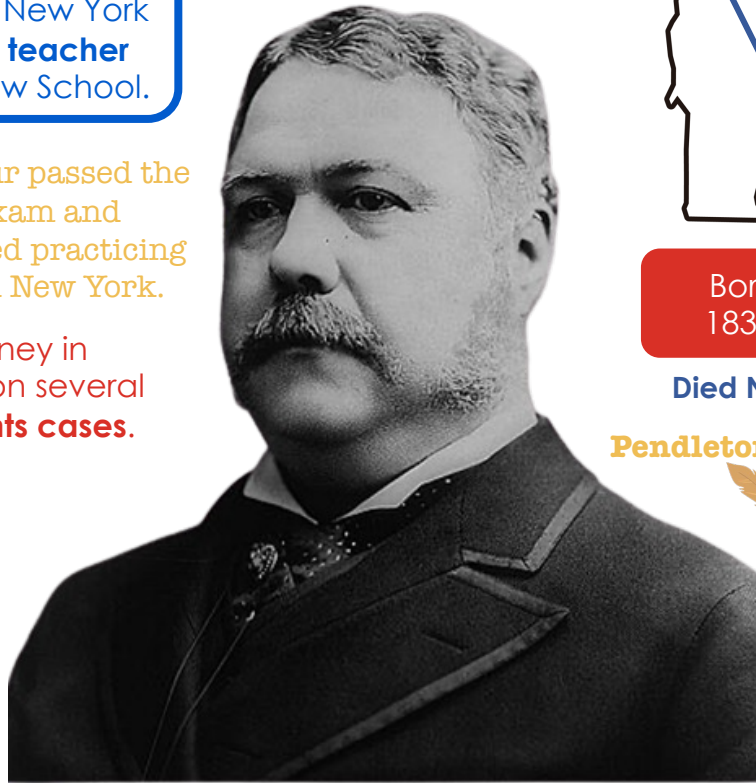
Arthur graduated from Union College in New York and became a **teacher** before starting Law School.

1854

Arthur passed the bar exam and started practicing law in New York.

Working as an attorney in New York, Arthur won several high-profile **civil rights cases**.

One of his won cases helped to desegregate public transportation in NYC.



Vermont

Born on October 5, 1830, in Fairfield, VT.

Died November 18, 1886.

Pendleton Civil Service Act



Arthur signed this bill into law that made the selection of government employees may only be selected by competitive exams instead of personal affiliations.

ELLEN



LEWIS ARTHUR

Ellen passed away a little less than a year before Arthur took office as President.

Mary Arthur McElroy – Arthur's sister filled the role and duties of the first lady.

Elegant Arthur

The name “Elegant Arthur” came from his appreciation for fashion. Throughout each day, Arthur changed his outfit for every occasion.

Arthur reportedly owned over

80 pairs of pants.



21st President

Grover Cleveland

22nd & 24th President ★ 1885 -1889 / 1893 -1897

Vice Presidents – Thomas Hendricks & Adlai Stevenson



“A cause worth **fighting** for is worth fight for **until the end.**” Grover Cleveland

The **ONLY** President in American history to serve **non-consecutive terms.**



New Jersey

Stephen

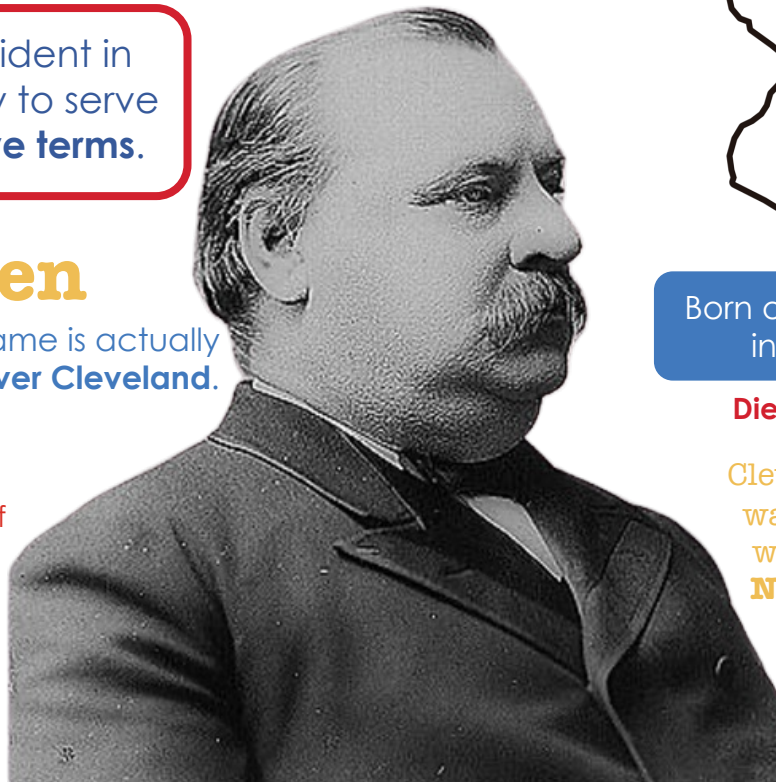
Cleveland's legal name is actually **Stephen Grover Cleveland.**

1882

Became the mayor of Buffalo, New York.

1883

Became the governor of New York.



Born on March 18, 1837, in Caldwell, NJ.

Died June 24, 1908.

Cleveland's first career was in education – he was a teacher at the **New York Institute for the Blind.**

Controversial Vetoes

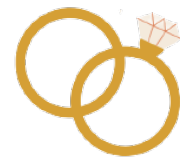
Grover the Good

Cleveland was known for some of his controversial vetoes regarding Civil War veteran pensions.

Frances became the youngest first lady at the age of 21.

Frances became a very influential first lady. She set trends for hairstyles and fashion.

The **only** President to ever be **married IN** the White House.



22nd & 24th President

Benjamin Harrison

23rd President ★ 1889 - 1893

Vice President – Levi P. Morton



“I **pity** the man that wants a coat **so cheap** that the man or women who produces the cloth with **starve in the process.**”

Benjamin Harrison



Ohio

Born on August 20, 1833, in North Bend, OH.

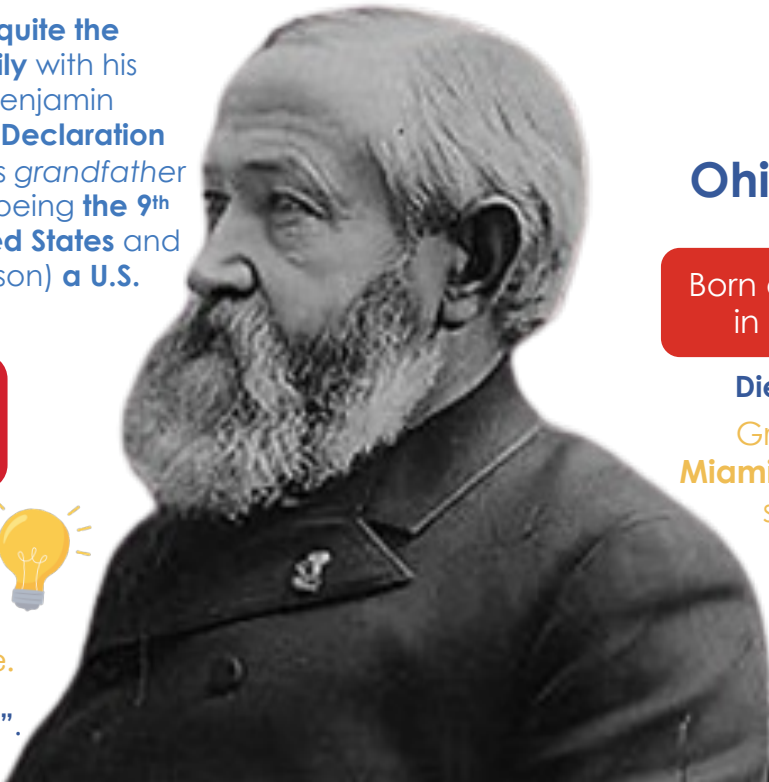
Died March 13, 1901.

Graduated from **Miami University in Ohio** studying law.

Worked as a lawyer until the **Civil War** broke out and he **joined the Union Army.**

Signed the **Sherman Antitrust Act**

Harrison came from quite the famous political family with his great grandfather (Benjamin Harrison) signing the Declaration of Independence, his grandfather (William H. Harrison) being the 9th President of the United States and his father (John Harrison) a U.S. Congressman.



The first president to have his voice recorded.



The first president to have **ELECTRICITY** in the White House.

The “**human iceberg**”.

The Front Porch Campaigner

Caroline received a degree in music, art & literature from Oxford Female Institute.

Caroline also helped found the National Society of the daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Harrison received this nickname because during the 1888 election, he gave nearly **90** speeches from his front porch to crowds that gathered in his front yard.



CAROLINE

LAVINIA HARRISON

23rd President

William McKinley

25th President ★ 1897 - 1901

Vice Presidents – Garret Hobart & Theodore Roosevelt



“That’s all a man can **hope** for during his **lifetime** - to **set an example** – and when he I dead, to be an **inspiration for history.**”

William McKinley



Ohio

McKinley is most known for being President during the **Spanish-American War.**

As a result of the war, the U.S. took control of Cuba, the Philippine Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Born on January 29, 1843, in Niles, OH.

Died September 14, 1901.

McKinley was **re-elected for his second term** – just 6 months before he was shot and killed.

\$500

McKinley’s face appears on the front of the 500-dollar bill.

As president, McKinley focused his efforts on making the United States **“a world of power”**.



When vice president Hobart died, Harrison replaced him with the popular **Theodore Roosevelt.**



First president to ride in an **automobile.**

IDA

Major

Ida and McKinley met while she was working at her father’s bank as a cashier.

Ida suffered with epilepsy while McKinley was in office and played a more reserved role as First Lady.



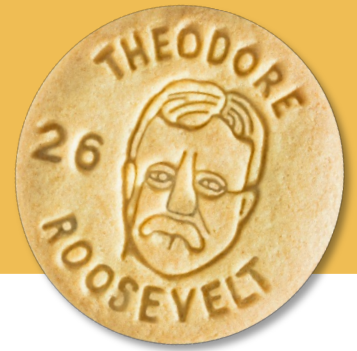
SAXTON MCKINLEY

25th President

Theodore Roosevelt

26th President ★ 1901 - 1909

Vice President – Charles W. Fairbanks



“A **vote** is like a **rifle**: its usefulness depends upon the **character of the user.**”

Theodore Roosevelt



The first president to fly in an **airplane**.

“Rough Riders”

When the Spanish-American war broke out, Roosevelt put together a volunteer company of cowboys, college football players, NYC police officers & Native Americans.



New York

Born on October 27, 1858, in New York, NY.

Died January 6, 1919.

United States Forest Service

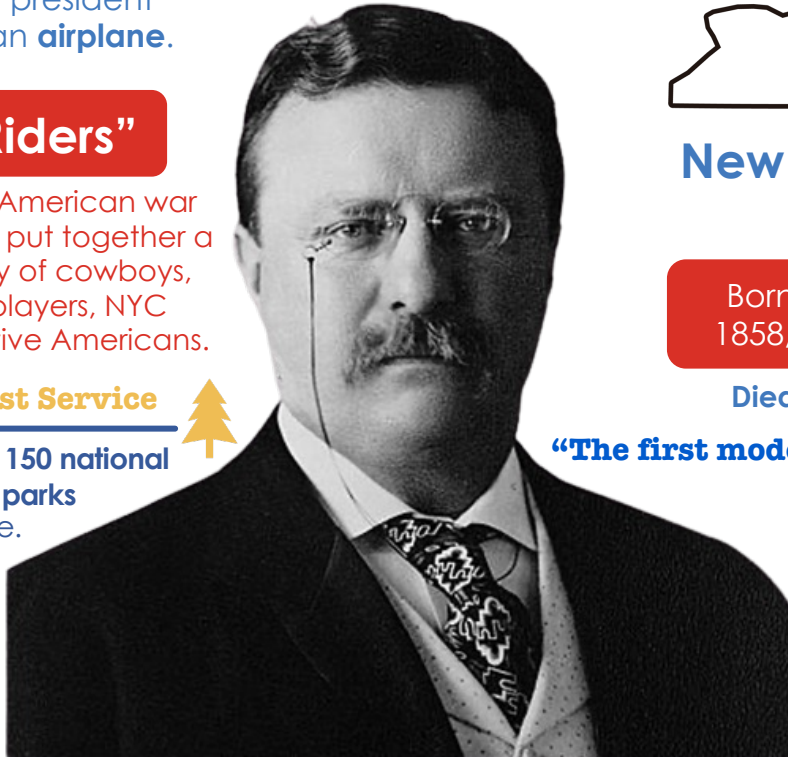


Roosevelt established **150 national forests** and **5 national parks** during his time in office.

Roosevelt went blind in his left eye during his term from a boxing match injury.



EDITH



“The first modern president.”

Graduated from **Harvard University** but dropped out of grad school (at Columbia University) before he got his law degree.

Soon after, Roosevelt went out West to work as a **cowboy & rancher**.

Teddy

The “teddy bear” was named after Roosevelt.



The first First Lady to employ a full-time social secretary.

This resulted in the creation of an official social staff and elevated the position of First Lady.

First President to receive the **Nobel Peace Prize** for negotiating an end to a war between Russia and Japan.



CAROW ROOSEVELT

26th President

William Taft

27th President ★ 1909 - 1913

Vice President – James S. Sherman



“I am in **favor** of **helping** the **prosperity** of **all countries** because, when we are **all prosperous**, the **trade** with each becomes **more valuable** to the other.”

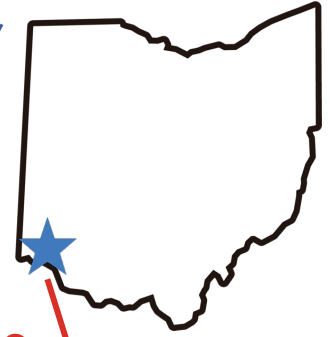
William Taft

The **ONLY** president to serve on the Supreme Court after leaving office.

As the **Chief Justice**, this made Taft the **only** former president to swear in a new president.

Taft swore in not one, but **TWO** presidents – **Calvin Coolidge** and **Herbert Hoover**.

After presidency but before being the Chief Justice, Taft was a **law professor** at Yale.



Ohio

Born on September 15, 1857, in Cincinnati, OH.

Died March 8, 1930.



The first president to **own** a car.

At Yale, Taft was a **heavyweight** wrestling champion.

HELEN



HERRON TAFT

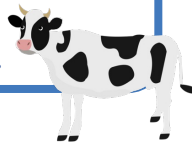
Big Bill

Helen helped coordinate the planting of 3,000 Japanese cherry blossom trees around the Tidal Basin on the Washington D.C. National Mall.

These trees continue to be a tourist destination every spring when they are in bloom.



Taft was the **LAST** president to keep a cow at the White House to provide fresh milk.



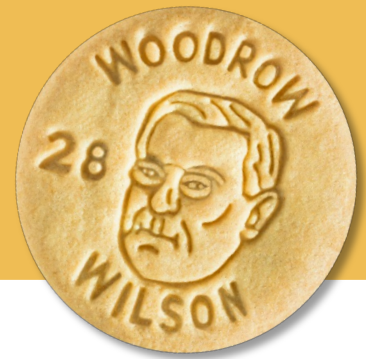
Started the tradition of throwing out the first ball of the MLB baseball season.

27th President

Woodrow Wilson

28th President ★ 1913 - 1921

Vice President – Thomas R. Marshall



“Friendship is the **only** cement that will ever hold the **world together.**”

Woodrow Wilson

Taught as a political science professor for over **15 years** at Princeton University.

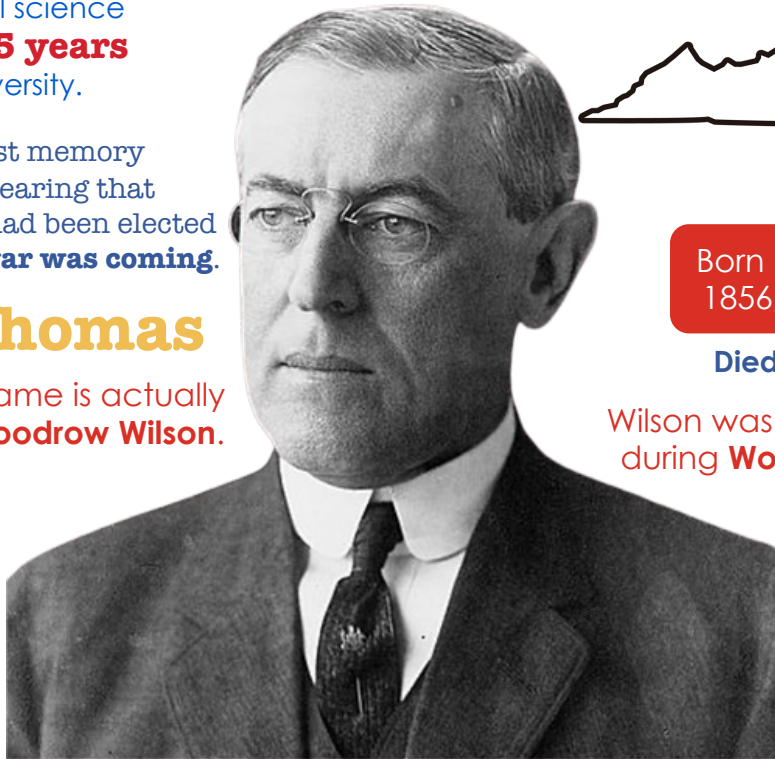
Wilson’s earliest memory as a child was hearing that **Abraham Lincoln** had been elected president and that **war was coming.**

Thomas

Wilson’s legal name is actually **Thomas Woodrow Wilson.**



Wilson’s face appears on the front of the **\$100,000** bill.



Virginia

Born on December 28, 1856, in Staunton, VA.

Died February 3, 1924.

Wilson was president during **World War I.**

League of Nations

A group of countries that helped to negotiate disputes and try to make peace in the world.

The League of Nations was a part of the **Treaty of Versailles** – a peace treaty signed at the end of World War I.

Wilson received a **Nobel Peace Prize** for his idea and efforts for the League of Nations.

EDITH



BOLLING WILSON

The Professor

Edith was Wilson’s second wife and married during his first term.

When Wilson suffered from a major stroke in 1919, Edith pre-screened all matters of the state for the remainder of Wilson’s second term.

28th President

Warren Harding

29th President ★ 1921 - 1923

Vice President – Calvin Coolidge



“America's present **need** is not heroics but **healing**; not nostrums but **normalcy**; not revolution but **restoration**.”

Warren Harding



Ohio

“Return to Normalcy”

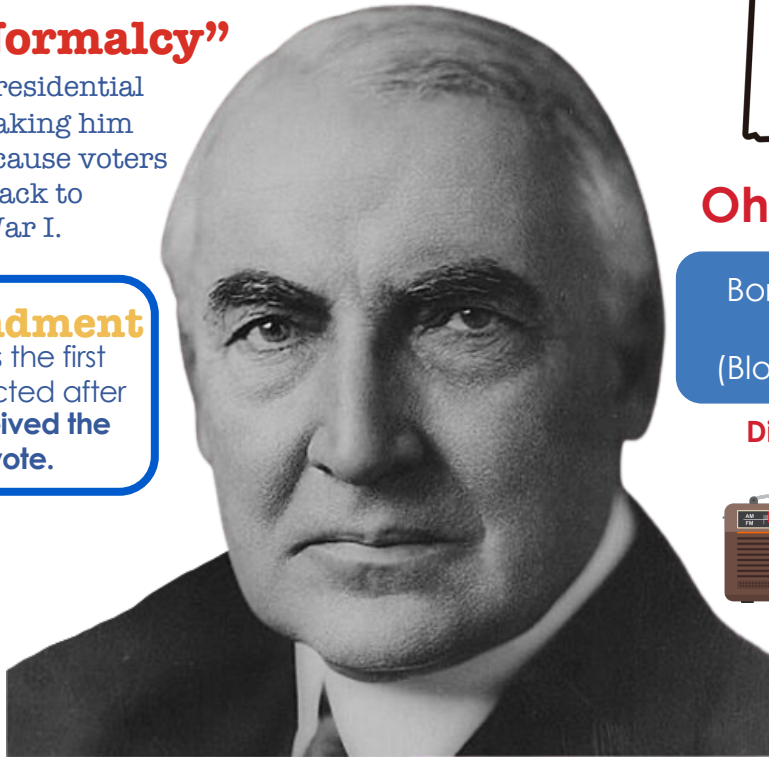
This was Harding’s presidential campaign slogan – making him win by a landslide because voters wanted things to go back to normal after World War I.

19th Amendment

Harding was the first president elected after women received the right to vote.

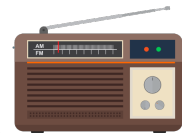
VOTE

“I have no trouble with my **enemies**... but my **friends**, they’re the ones who keep me walking the floors at night!”



Born on November 2, 1865, in Corsica (Blooming Grove), OH.

Died August 2, 1923.



The first president to be on the **radio**.

After Harding’s sudden death, his reputation was tarnished by a series of corruption scandals being uncovered.

FLORENCE



MABEL HARDING

Wobbly Warren

Florence was a significant political force in Harding’s administration.

Attended cabinet meetings and urged Harding to appoint women into positions in administration.



The U.S. Navy held valuable oil reserves at Teapot Dome, WY.

Teapot Dome Scandal

Harding’s Secretary of the Interior, Albert Fall, needed money and decided to secretly sell some of these reserves to oil companies.

29th President

Calvin Coolidge

30th President ★ 1923 - 1929

Vice President – Charles Gates Dawes



“I have noticed that **nothing** I have **never** said ever did me any **harm.**”

Calvin Coolidge

Coolidge was a man of few words, which is how he got his nickname “**Silent Cal**”.

The Roaring Twenties

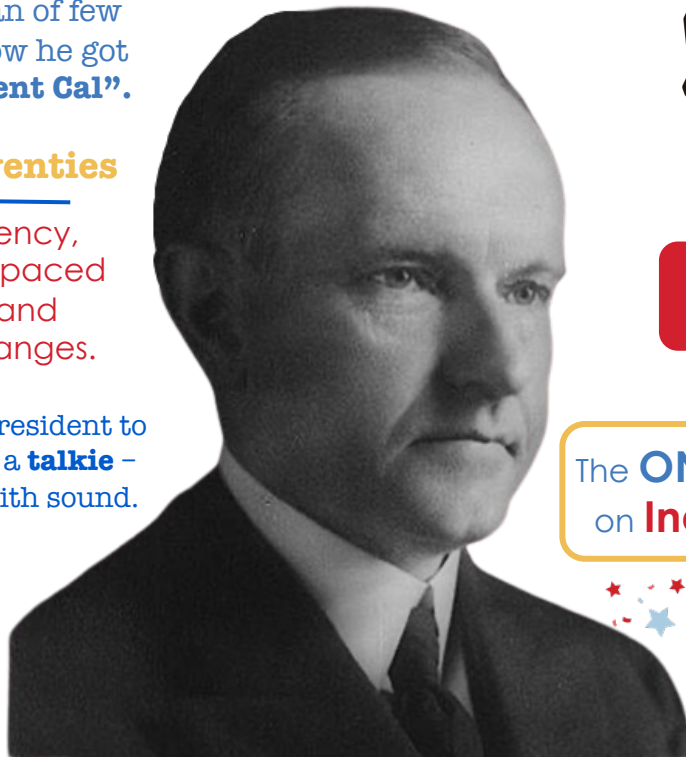
During his presidency, was a time of fast-paced social, cultural and technological changes.



The first president to appear in a **talkie** – a movie with sound.

"Keep Cool with Coolidge"

Slogan used when Coolidge ran for his next term.



Vermont

Born on July 4, 1872, in Plymouth Notch, VT.

Died January 5, 1933.

The **ONLY** president to be born on **Independence Day.**



Coolidge signed the **Indian Citizenship Act** that act that gave full U.S. citizen rights to Native Americans.

GRACE

Silent Cal



Grace was a teacher at the Clarke School for the Deaf.

In 1931, Grace was voted one of America's twelve greatest living women.

Hearing of Harding's death when visiting his family in Vermont, **Coolidge's father administered the oath of office in the middle of the night.**

30th President

Herbert Hoover

31st President ★ 1929 - 1933

Vice President – Charles Curtis



“**Wisdom** consists not so much in knowing what to do in the **ultimate** as knowing what to do **next**.” *Herbert Hoover*

The Great Depression

Hoover is best known for being president when **the stock market crashed in 1929**.

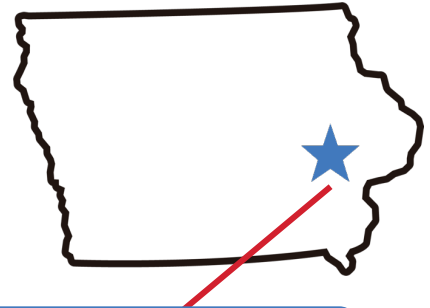
The day the stock market crashed is known as “**Black Tuesday**” - the day the country entered the **worst** economic crisis in history.



The first president to have a telephone sitting on his desk.



Iowa



Born on August 10, 1874,
in West Branch, IA

Died October 20, 1964

Hoover attended
Sandford University
and was a member of
their inaugural class.

Graduated with a
degree in **geology** and
went on to have a very
successful career in
mining engineering.

LOU

The Great Engineer



Lou was the only female
geology major when her and
Hoover met at Sandford.

Lou was also fluent in six languages!

Star-Spangled Banner



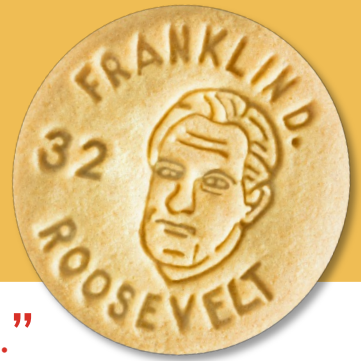
Hoover signed the
congressional resolution
that made the
Star-Spangled Banner
the national anthem
of the United States.

31st President

Franklin D. Roosevelt

32nd President ★ 1933 - 1945

Vice Presidents – John Garner, Henry Wallace & Harry Truman



“The **only thing** we have left to fear is **fear itself.**”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Roosevelt is remembered as one of the country's **greatest leaders.**

He is remembered with a **National Memorial** in Washington D.C.

Roosevelt led the country through **World War II.**

Roosevelt's pledge to keep the U.S. out of the war ended when **Pearl Harbor** was attacked on **Dec. 7, 1941.**

The **LONGEST** serving American president.

Roosevelt served a total of **FOUR** terms.

After his presidency, a law was made that allowed presidents to serve a **MAXIMUM** of two terms.



New York

Born on January 30, 1882, in Hyde Park, NY.

Died April 12, 1945.

Fireside Chats 

Roosevelt regularly addressed American citizens through **radio broadcasts** to offer reassurance during the depression.



ELEANOR



ROOSEVELT

FDR

“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

An American political figure, diplomat and activist.

A year after Roosevelt died, Eleanor began her service as American spokesman in the United Nations.

The New Deal

Roosevelt signed **14** new bills into law within the first **100 days** of taking office in an effort to help the country recover from the Great Depression.

The **3 Rs** of the New Deal: ★ Relief ★ Recovery ★ Reform

32nd President

Harry Truman

33rd President ★ 1945 - 1953

Vice President – Alben Barkley



“Being the **President** is like riding a tiger.”



Harry Truman

Truman is most known for putting an end to World War II in the Pacific by dropping the atomic bombs on Japan.

Truman had to make the decision on how to get Japan to surrender – whether to invade or use the bomb.

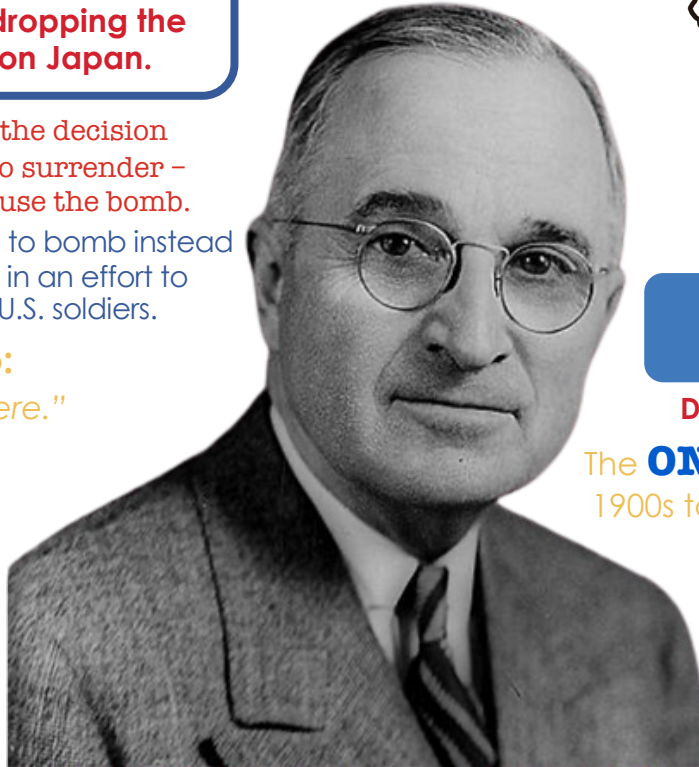
Truman decided to bomb instead of invade Japan in an effort to save the lives of U.S. soldiers.

Truman's Motto:

“The buck stops here.”



Authorized the **Marshall Plan** to help Europe rebuild after World War II.



Missouri

Born on May 8, 1884, in Lamar, MO.

Died December 26, 1972.

The **ONLY** president in the 1900s to **NOT** go to college.

Truman worked several jobs after high school – a **railroad timekeeper**, **bookkeeper** and a **farmer**.

The Truman Doctrine

Truman established that the U.S. would provide political, military and economic assistance to countries under threat of the Soviet Union or communist government.

→ This led to declaration of the **Cold War**.

The Haberdasher

Bess and Harry met when they were only 5 and 6 in Sunday school.

Bess served as Truman's secretary and was known for often voicing her opinions.



Presidential Library & Museum
Independence, MO

33rd President

Dwight Eisenhower

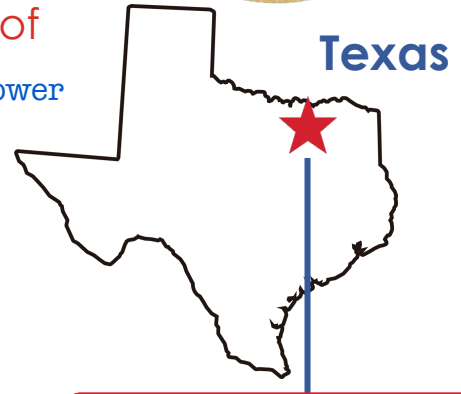
34th President ★ 1953 - 1961

Vice President – Richard Nixon



“A sense of **humor** is part of the art of **leadership**, of getting along with people, of **getting things done.**”

Dwight Eisenhower



Texas

Born on October 14, 1890, in Denison, TX.

Died March 28, 1969.

Never owned a home until **AFTER** his presidency because of how much he moved during his military career.



Ike

“We like Ike”

A big part of his Presidential campaign.

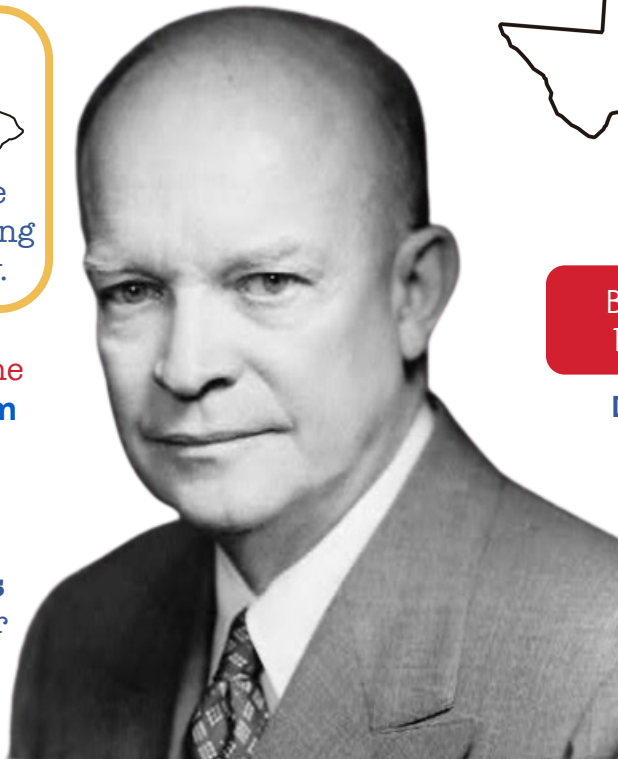
Birth name - **David Dwight Eisenhower.**



Alaska and **Hawaii** were admitted into the U.S. during Eisenhower’s presidency.

Eisenhower established the **Interstate Highway System** that we still use today!

The **Supreme Commander of the Allied forces** during World War II - planned the **Invasion of Normandy.**



Mamie was very popular amongst the nation as First Lady.

Her love of pink in her accessories, clothing, and décor was well known – “Mamie Pink”.



34th President

John F. Kennedy

35th President ★ 1961 - 1963

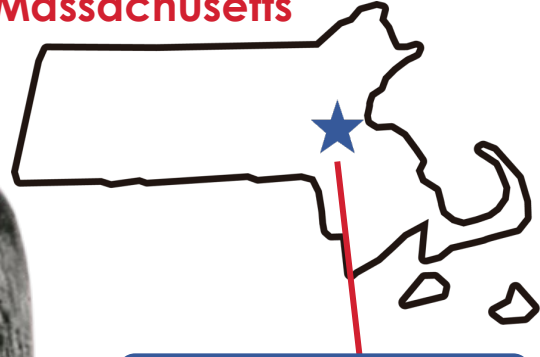
Vice President – Lyndon B. Johnson



“Ask not what **your country** can do for you – ask what **you can do** for your country.”

John F. Kennedy

Massachusetts



Born on May 29, 1917,
in Brookline, MA.

Died November 22, 1963.



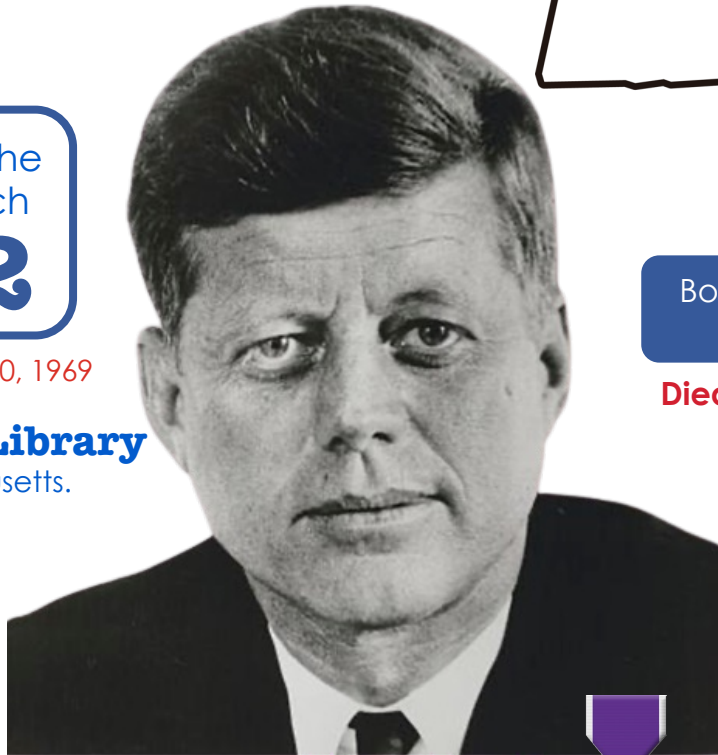
‘We Choose the Moon’ Speech
1962

Lunar Landing – July 20, 1969

Presidential Library
Boston, Massachusetts.

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Youngest elected
President.



JFK



ONLY
President to be
awarded a
Purple Heart.



A French literature graduate
with an interest in the arts.

She refurbished the White House to
stage opera, jazz and ballet performances.



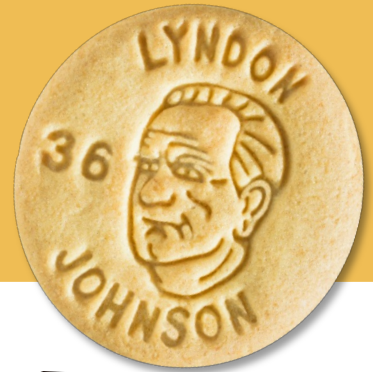
Established the
Peace Corp in
March of 1961 -
a volunteer
program for U.S.
citizens to provide
aid to
underdeveloped
countries.

35th President

Lyndon B. Johnson

36th President ★ 1963 - 1969

Vice President – Hubert Humphrey



“**Peace** is a journey of a **thousand miles**, and it must be taken **one step at a time.**”

Lyndon B. Johnson



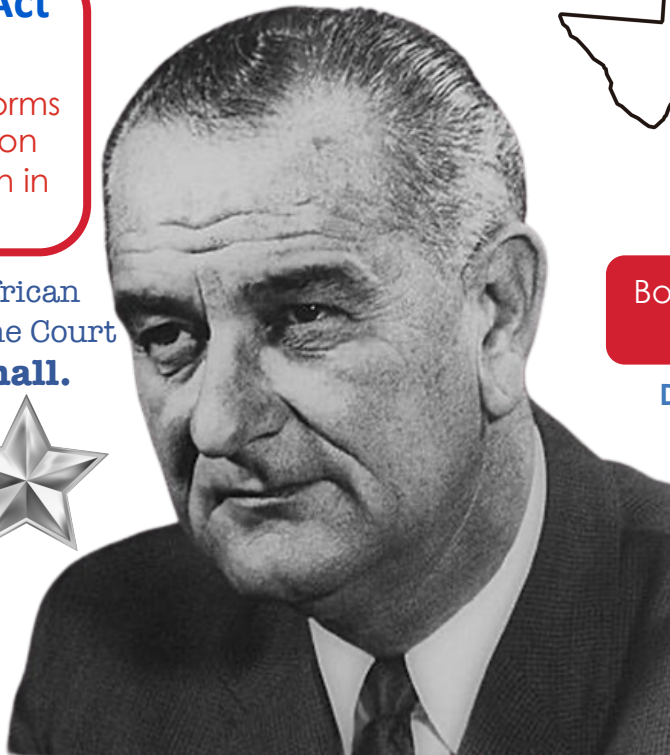
Texas

The Civil Rights Act of 1964

This law made most forms of racial discrimination including segregation in schools illegal.

Appointed the first African American to the Supreme Court – **Thurgood Marshall.**

During World War II, he took a leave of absence from Congress to serve in the war where he earned a **Silver Star.**



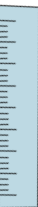
Born on August 27, 1908, in Stonewall, TX.

Died January 22, 1973.

2nd

TALLEST President.

Only a **HALF** an inch shorter than Lincoln at 6'4".



CLAUDIA



TAYLOR JOHNSON

LBJ

Claudia had the very popular nickname of "Lady Bird".

Claudia's nickname gave her the same initials as Lyndon B. Johnson – they also named their two daughters to have LBJ initials as well.

“The Great Society”

A new way of life where everyone would be treated equally and have equal opportunity.

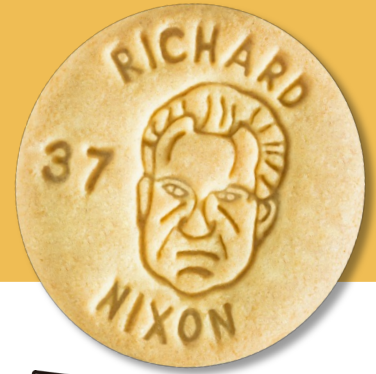
This is what Johnson wanted his presidency to end with.

36th President

Richard Nixon

37th President ★ 1969 - 1974

Vice Presidents – Spiro Agnew & Gerald Ford



“If you take **no risks**, you will suffer **no defeats**.
But if you take **no risks**, you win **no victories**.”

Richard Nixon



California

Paris Peace Accords of 1973

Nixon ended the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.



One of the most active Vice Presidents in U.S. history - served 8 years as Eisenhower's Vice President.

During Nixon's administration, the voting age was lowered from

21 → 18



Born on January 9, 1913, in Yorba Linda, CA.

Died April 22, 1994.

Only president born & raised in **California**.

ONLY President to **resign** from office.

Tricky Dicky

Thelma (nicknamed "Pat") was an avid supporter of charitable causes and volunteerism - "the spirit of people helping people."

Took great pride in adding **600** paintings and antiques to the White House Collection.

Watergate Scandal

June 17, 1972

Five men were arrested for breaking into the Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate offices.



37th President

Gerald Ford

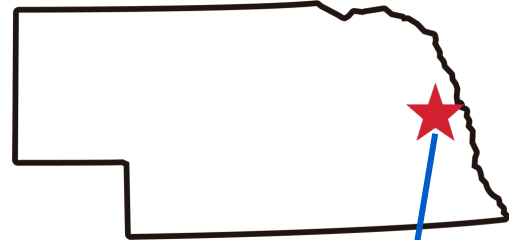
38th President ★ 1974 - 1977

Vice President – Nelson Rockefeller



“Tell the **truth**, work **hard**, and come to dinner **on time**.” Gerald Ford

Nebraska



Born on July 14, 1913,
in Omaha, NE.

Died December 26, 2006.

Ford considered it his job to **restore the country's faith** in their leaders and the office of president.

Ford played football at the University of Michigan.

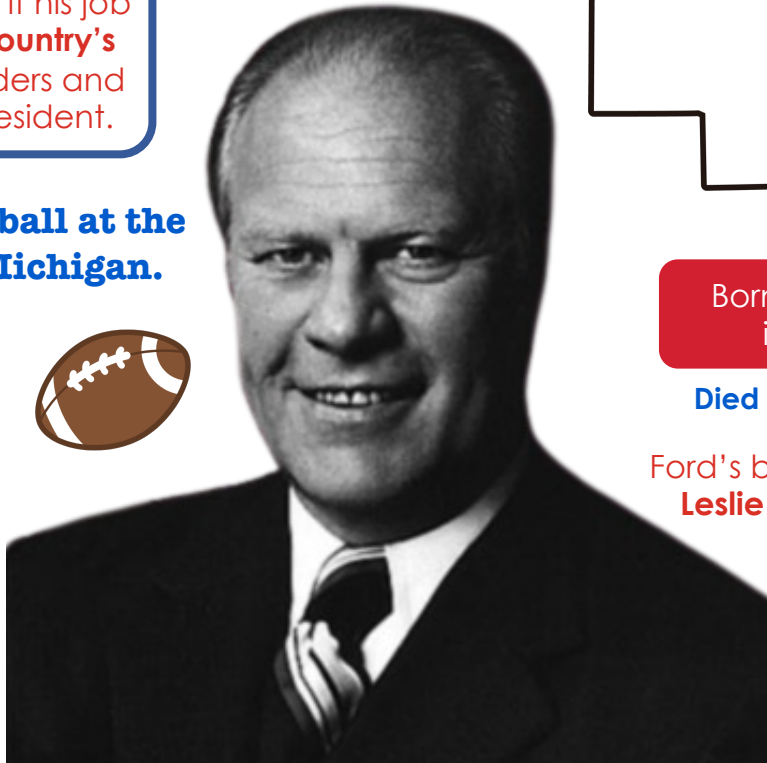
Offered to play professionally but decided to go to law school instead.



Profile in

Courage Award

Awarded from the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation in 2003 for his pardon of Nixon.



Ford's birthname was **Leslie Lynch King**.

Ford's mother remarried to Gerald Ford Sr. who adopted Ford and gave him his name.

Mr. Nice Guy

Established the Betty Ford Center for treatment of drugs and alcohol at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage.

Considered a very highly influential first lady.

The only President to be in office **WITHOUT** having been elected to the office of president **OR** vice president.



Ford and Betty had a golden retriever named **Liberty** that lived in the White House with them.



38th President

Jimmy Carter

39th President ★ 1977 - 1981

Vice President – Walter F. Mondale

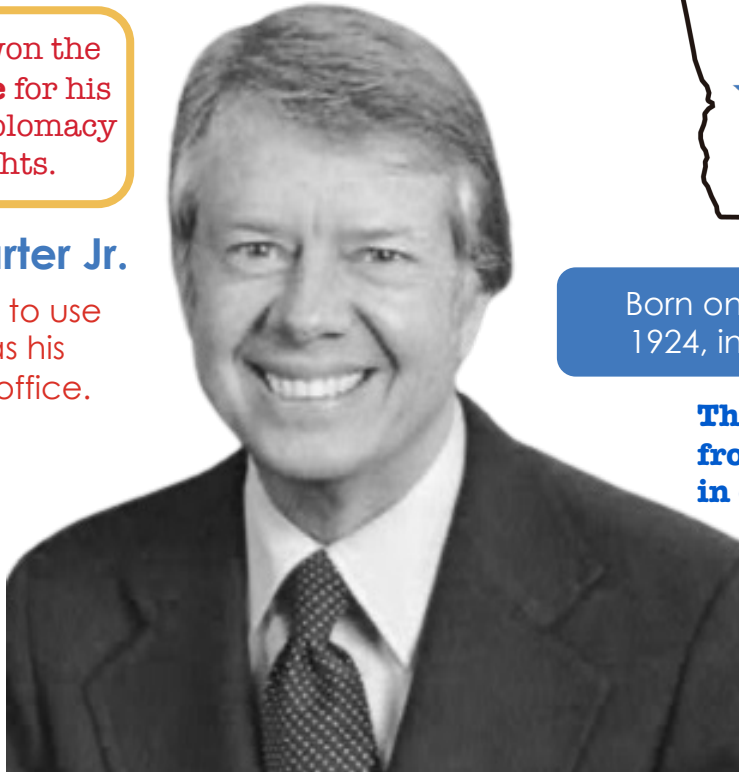


“You **can do** what you **have to do**, and sometimes you can **do it even better** than you **think you can.**” Jimmy Carter

In **2002**, Carter won the **Nobel Peace Prize** for his efforts in world diplomacy and human rights.

James Earl Carter Jr.

The **first** President to use his nickname as his official name in office.



Born on October 1, 1924, in Plains, GA.



The first President to from the Deep South in over **100** years.



First president to be born in a **hospital**.



1979

Created the Department of Education.

Carter owned a peanut farm.



ROSALYNN

The Peanut Farmer

Rosalynn took a strong interest in programs to aid mental health, the community & the elderly.

From 1977-1978, she served as the Honorary Chairperson of the President's Commission on Mental Health.



SMITH CARTER

Established the Department of Energy in **1977**.

Speed Reader



Could read up to 200 words per minute.

39th President

Ronald Reagan

40th President ★ 1981 - 1989

Vice President – George Bush



“We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.”

Ronald Reagan

‘Reaganomics’

The changes Reagan made to try and get employment up and inflation down.

GOAL as president:

“To go down in history as the President who made Americans believe in themselves again.”



Favorite snack was **jelly beans**.



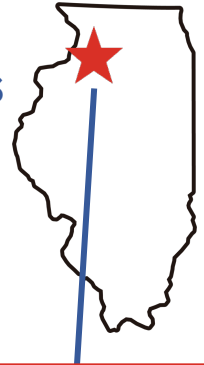
The Great Communicator

Nancy was originally a Broadway actress and appeared in eleven Hollywood films.

Remembered for her passionate advocacy for decreasing drug and alcohol abuse.

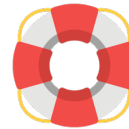


Illinois



Born on February 6, 1911, in Tampico, IL.

Died June 5, 2004.



Reagan worked as a lifeguard when he was younger and rescued

77 people.



Reagan acted in over **50** major movies during his Hollywood career.

Once worked as a radio announcer for the **Chicago Cubs**.



40th President

George Bush

41st President ★ 1989 - 1993

Vice President – Dan Quayle



“We know what works.
Freedom Works. We know
what's right. **Freedom is right.**”

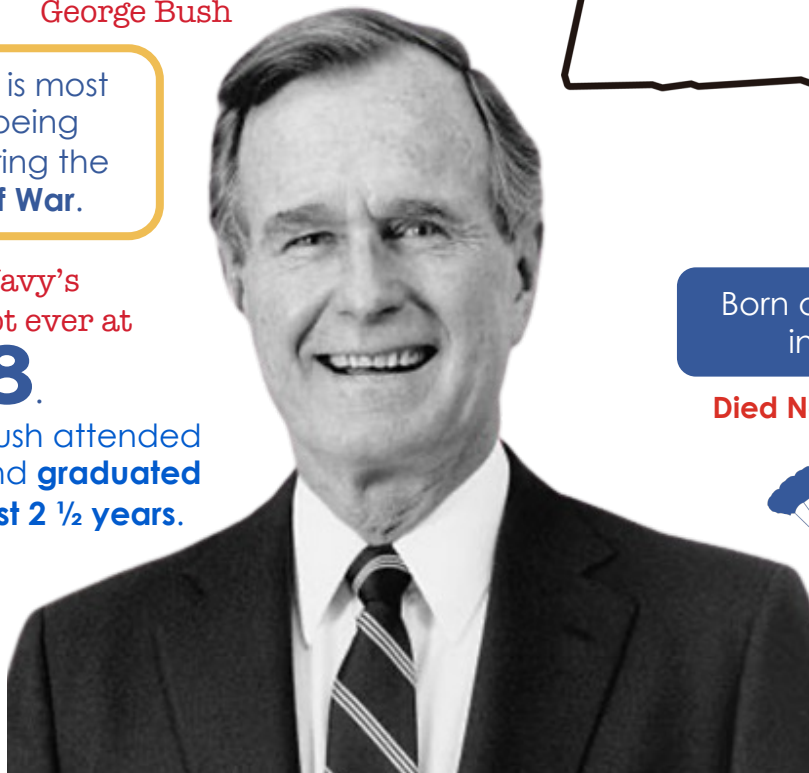
George Bush

George Bush is most
known for being
president during the
Persian Gulf War.

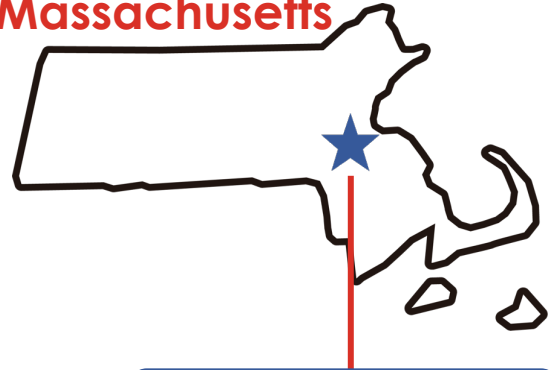
Bush was the Navy's
YOUNGEST pilot ever at
the age of **18.**

After the Navy, Bush attended
Yale University and **graduated**
with honors in just **2 ½ years.**

While at Yale,
Bush played
on their
baseball
team as a first
baseman.



Massachusetts



Born on June 12, 1924,
in Milton, MA.

Died November 30, 2018.



Bush
celebrated
his **85th**
birthday by
going
skydiving.

BARBARA



PIERCE BUSH

Poppy

Barbara considered herself as
“everybody's grandmother.”

Became the Honorary Chairman of
the Barbara Bush Foundation for
Family Literacy.

1993



Bush was knighted by Queen
Elizabeth II – the 3rd American
President to receive this honor.

George and Barbara had
six kids – their **first-born**
son, also named George
would go on to become
the **43rd President.**

41st President

Bill Clinton

42nd President ★ 1993 - 2001

Vice President – Al Gore



“There is nothing **wrong with America** that cannot be **cured** with what is **right in America.**” Bill Clinton

Clinton is known for being president during one of the **longest** periods of **peace and economic expansion** in American history.

Played the **saxophone** and was a member of a band called "Three Blind Mice" in high school.



As a teenager, Clinton got to meet President **John F. Kennedy.**



Born on August 19, 1946, in Hope, Arkansas.

The first President to be born **AFTER** the end of World War II.

1 of only 3 presidents to be **impeached** by Congress.

However, the Senate **did not agree** on the impeachment which allowed Clinton to **stay in office.**

Bill & Hillary met at Yale University while they were both studying law.

Comeback Kid

Hillary was the first lady elected into the United States Senate.

A leading advocate for expanding health insurance coverage, ensuring children are properly immunized and raising public awareness of health issues.



42nd President

George W. Bush

43rd President ★ 2001 - 2009

Vice President – Dick Cheney



“We will **not waver**; we will **not tire**; we will **not falter**, and we will **not fail**. **Peace and Freedom will prevail.**”

George W. Bush

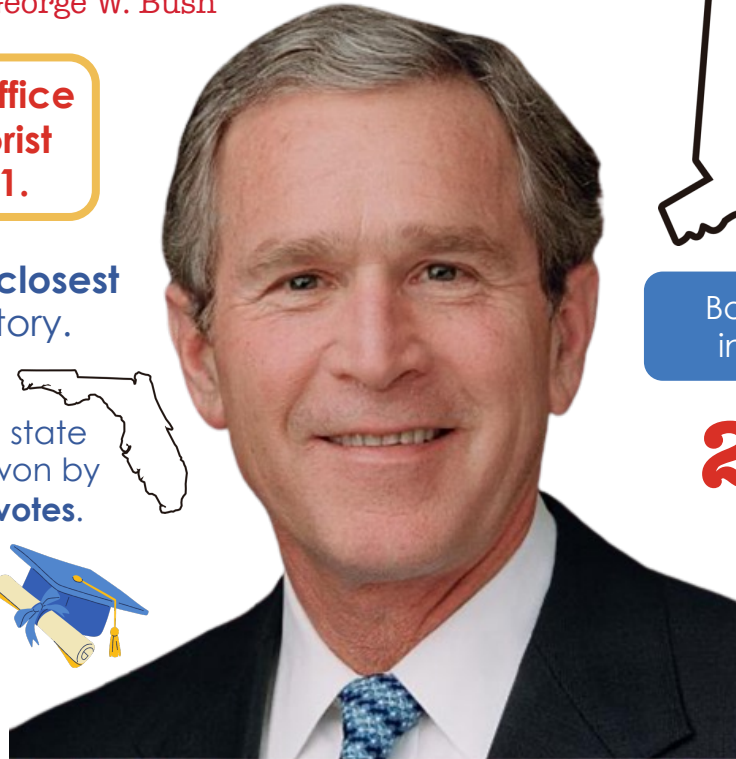
W. Bush was in office during the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

WON one of the **closest** elections in history.

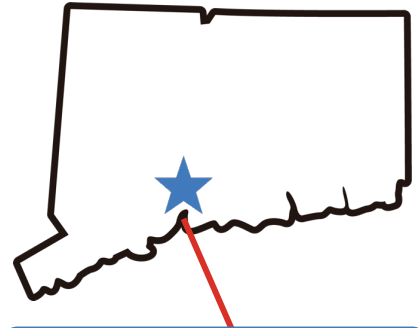


It came down to the state of **Florida**, where he won by **only a few hundred votes.**

Bush is the **ONLY** president to have a **Master of Business Administration (MBA).**



Connecticut



Born on July 6, 1946, in New Haven, CT.

2nd son of a president to become president, the other being John Quincy Adams, son of John Adams.

Pronounced “dubya.”

W



Ran a marathon in 1993 and continued running throughout his time in office.

Laura advocated for historic education reform and the well-being of women and families.

Held the first-ever White House Conference on Global Literacy in 2006.

George and Laura had twin girls – Jenna and Barbara.



LAURA

WELCH BUSH

43rd President

Barack Obama

44th President ★ 2009 - 2017

Vice President – Joe Biden



“**Change** will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. **We are the change that we seek.**”

Barack Obama

One of Obama's most significant accomplishments as president was **health care reform**.

The **FIRST** African American President of the United States.



Obama is also a very successful author with bestselling

3

books.



Hawaii



Born on August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, HI



Obama loves to play basketball – during his presidency, he made the White House tennis courts into courts that could be used for tennis and basketball.

No Drama Obama

Michelle initiated *Let's Move!* a program to end childhood obesity.

Her four main initiatives: healthy families, service members and their families, higher education and international adolescent girls' education.



Won a **Grammy Award** in 2006 for his voice on the audio book *Dreams From My Father*.

MICHELLE



ROBINSON OBAMA

44th President

Donald Trump

45th President ★ 2017 - 2021

Vice President – Mike Pence

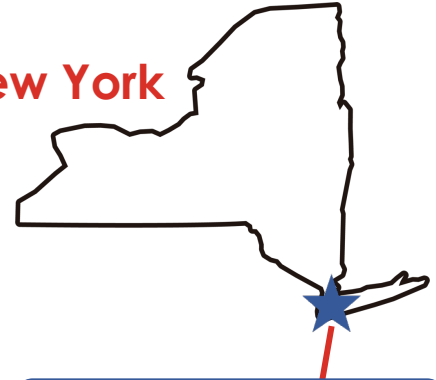


“As long as you’re going to be thinking anyway, **think big.**”

Donald Trump

“**Make America Great Again**” – this was Trump's campaign slogan.

New York



Donald Trump first became famous for being a businessman and real estate developer in New York City.



Born on June 14, 1946, in New York, NY.

Trump is only the **5th** president to take office after **losing the popular vote** but **winning the electoral college.**

The **FIRST** President without prior experience in the government or military.

The **ONLY** President to be impeached by the U.S. House of representatives **TWICE.**

5 children & 10 grandchildren.

MELANIA



KNAUSS TRUMP

The Donald

Melania is only the second First Lady to be born outside of the United States – Slovenia.

Launched *BE BEST*, an awareness campaign that strives to promote a world for children based on healthy living, kindness, and respect.



Awarded a star on the **Hollywood Walk of Fame** in 2007.

Under Trump's administration, animal cruelty became a **federal crime.**



45th President

Joe Biden

46th President ★ 2021 - Present

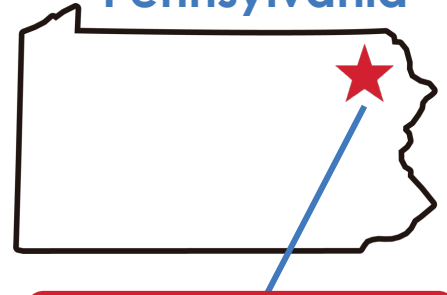
Vice President – Kamala Harris



“Failure at some point in your life is **inevitable** but **giving up is unforgivable.**”

Joe Biden

Pennsylvania



Born on November 20, 1942, in Scranton, PA.

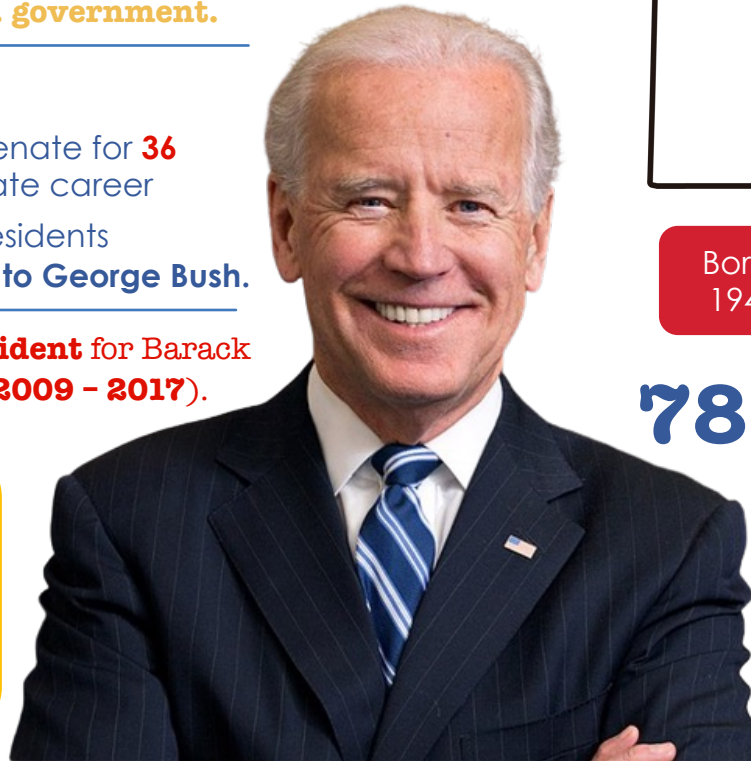
Famous for **his long career** as a politician in the **U.S. government.**

1973 - 2009

Served in the U.S. Senate for **36 years** - Biden's Senate career spanned **SEVEN** presidents from **Richard Nixon to George Bush.**

Served as **Vice President** for Barack Obama for 8 years (**2009 - 2017**).

Biden chose **Kamala Harris** as his VP, making her the **FIRST woman Vice President** in history.



78 years old at the time of his inauguration makes Biden the **oldest** President.

Biden's dog Major, is the first shelter dog to live in the White House.



JILL



JACOBS BIDEN

Amtrack Joe

Jill is the first First Lady to have a doctorates degree.

As a classroom teacher for over 30 years, Jill once said "Teaching isn't just what I do, it's who I am" – this has influenced many of her initiatives to advocate for increased educational opportunities for all students.

During his time as senator, Joe commuted between Washington, D.C. and Delaware every day by the Amtrak train.



46th President

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