

## AP U. S. HISTORY PRESIDENTS LIST

### The Young Republic, 1788-1815

1. George Washington, 1789-1797  
VP – John Adams  
Secretary of State – Thomas Jefferson  
Secretary of Treasury – Alexander Hamilton  
Major Items: Judiciary Act, 1789  
Tariff of 1789  
Whiskey Rebellion, 1799  
French Revolution – Citizen Genét, 1793  
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 Act, 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  
Orders in Council  
"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: Marshall's Decisions: McCulloch v. Maryland, 1819; Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 1819;

Gibbons v. Ogden, 1824  
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  
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 45th parallel
11. James K. Polk, 1845-1849  
original "dark horse" candidate  
Democrat  
VP – George Dallas  
Major Items: Manifest Destiny  
Texas becomes a state, 1845  
Oregon boundary settled, 1846  
Mexican War, 1846-1848  
Treaty of Guadeloupe-Hidalgo, 1848  
Wilmot Proviso

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

<b>Civil War, 1861-1865</b>
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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

<b>Reconstruction, 1865-1877</b>
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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

<b>Gilded Age, 1877-1900</b>
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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  
Second Administration (only President to serve two non-consecutive terms)  
Democrat  
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"

## Roaring Twenties, 1920-1929

29. Warren G. Harding, 1921-1923  
"Dark Horse" candidate  
Republican  
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"

<b>Détente, Rapprochement, &amp; the Post-Cold War World, 1968 - present</b>
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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  
16th 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-  
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 & health care reforms