# AP U.S. History Presidents List

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8. Andrew Jackson, 1829-1837, Democrat
9. Martin Van Buren, 1837-1841, Democrat

## Ante-Bellum Period, 1840-1860
9. William Henry Harrison, 1841, Whig
10. John Tyler, 1841-1845
11. James K. Polk, 1845-1849, Democrat
12. Zachary Taylor, 1849-1850, Whig
13. Millard Fillmore, 1850-1853, Whig
14. Franklin Pierce, 1853-1857, Democrat
15. James Buchanan, 1857-1861, Democrat

## Civil War, 1861-1865
16. Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865, Republican

## Reconstruction, 1865-1877
17. Andrew Johnson, 1865-1869, Democrat
18. Ulysses S. Grant, 1869-1877, Republican

## Gilded Age, 1877-1900
19. Rutherford B. Hayes, 1877-1881, Republican
20. James A Garfield, 1881, Republican
21. Chester A. Arthur, 1881-1885, Republican
22. Grover Cleveland, 1885-1889, Democrat
23. Benjamin Harrison, 1889-1893, Republican
24. Grover Cleveland, 1893-1897, Democrat
25. William McKinley, 1897-1901, Republican

## Progressive Age, 1900-1920
26. Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909, Republican
27. William Howard Taft, 1909-1913, Republican
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## Roaring Twenties, 1920-1929
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31. Herbert Hoover, 1929-1933, Republican

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## The Cold War, 1945-1968
34. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953-1961, Republican
35. John F. Kennedy, 1961-1963, Democrat

## Detente or Cold War Thaws, 1968 - present
38. Gerald Ford, 1974-1977, Republican
42. Bill Clinton, 1993-2001, Democrat
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) and 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 and 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 and Milan Decrees
   - Orders in Council
   - "War Hawks," 1811-1812
   - War of 1812
   - Hartford Convention, 1814
   - First Protective Tariff, 1816

Era of Good Feelings and 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:**
   - 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

6. 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 and Protest, 1828

7. Andrew Jackson, 1829-1837
   Democrat
   VP – John C. Calhoun, Martin Van Buren
   **Major Items:**
   - Jacksonian Democracy
   - Tariffs of 1832 and 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

Ante-Bellum 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 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 and 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 Bill, 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
- Morrill 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 Sept. 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
- 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 and 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

Progressive Age, 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 and 1907
- Hepburn Act, 1906
- Pure Food and Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act, and “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, and 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

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

31. Herbert Hoover, 1929-1933
Republican
VP – Charles Curtis
Secretary of State – Henry L. Stimson

Major Items:
- National Origins Immigration Act, 1929
- Panic and 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 and 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 and Hawaii become states, 1959

35. John F. Kennedy, 1961-1963
Democrat
VP – Lyndon B. Johnson

Major Items:
- Alliance for Progress
- Peace Corps
- Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962
- "New Frontier"
- Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty
- Assassinated in Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963, by Lee Harvey Oswald

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 and Secondary education reform
- Medicare
- "Great Society"

Detente or Cold War Thaws, 1968 - present

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
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<td>Nixon resigns, August 9, 1974</td>
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<td>1st appointed President</td>
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<td>Panama Canal Treaty signed, September 1977</td>
<td>Established diplomatic relations with China and ended recognition of Taiwan</td>
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<td>Three-Mile Island Incident, March 1979 (nuclear reactor leak in Pennsylvania)</td>
<td>Egypt and Israel peace treaty; Sadat and Begin win the Nobel Prize, 1979</td>
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<td>Sex scandal, 1998</td>
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<td>2001</td>
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<td>Invesion of Iraq</td>
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<td>Advocates tax cuts as a stimulant to a slow post-9/11 economy</td>
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