### 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 Thompson  
   Secretary of State – John Quincy Adams  
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

Antebellum Period, 1840-1860

9. William Henry Harrison, 1841  
Whig  
VP – John Tyler  
Secretary of State – Daniel Webster

10. John Tyler, 1841-1845  
Anti-Jackson Democrat ran as VP on Whig ticket  
Secretary of State – Daniel Webster  
Major Items: Webster-Ashburton Treaty, 1842  
   Vetoes Clay's bill for 3rd Bank of the United States  
   Canadian Border set at 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

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**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

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**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
   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
25. William McKinley, 1897-1901
   Republican
   VP – Garret Hobart, Theodore Roosevelt
   Secretary of State – John Hay
   Major Items: New Imperialism
   - Spanish-American War, April 1898 - February 1899
   - Open Door Policy, 1899
   - Boxer Rebellion, 1900
   - McKinley was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz, 1901

   **Progressive Era, 1900-1920**

26. Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909
   Republican
   VP – Charles Fairbanks
   Secretary of State – John Hay, Elihu Root
   Major Items: Panama Canal, 1903-1914
   - "Square Deal"
   - Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine, 1904
   - Portsmouth Treaty, 1905
   - Gentleman's Agreement with Japan, 1904
   - Hague Conferences, 1899 & 1907
   - Hepburn Act, 1906
   - Pure Food & Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act, & "muckrakers", 1906
   - Political reforms of the Roosevelt Era
   - Trust-busting
   - Coal Strike
   - Conservation
   - Venezuelan Debt Controversy, 1902
   - Dominican Republic Crisis, 1902
   - Algerian Conference over Morocco, 1906

27. William Howard Taft, 1909-1913
   Republican
   VP – James Sherman
   Major Items: Paine-Aldrich Tariff, 1909
   - Pinchot-Ballinger controversy, 1909 (conservation v. reclamation)
   - "Dollar Diplomacy"

28. Woodrow Wilson, 1913-1921
   Democrat
   VP – Thomas Marshall
   Major Items: Underwood Tariff, 1913
   - 16th, 17th, 18th, & 19th Amendments
   - Glass-Owen Bill / Federal Reserve Act, 1913
   - Federal trade Commission, 1914
   - Clayton Anti-trust Act, 1914
   - Troops to Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Virgin Islands, Mexico
   - The Lusitania, May 1915
   - "Fourteen Points," January 1917
   - Treaty of Versailles, 1919-1920
   - "New Freedom"
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
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

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

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

   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

   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)

   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
                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