

## APUSH PRESIDENTS REVIEW

### CONSTITUTIONAL PERIOD

**George Washington (1789-1797):** I was the first president and set precedents. I proved the Constitution through the Whiskey Rebellion. I signed and approved the First Bank of the U.S., the Judiciary Act of 1789, Tariff of 1789, Jay Treaty, and Pinckney Treaty. My Farewell Address talked about avoiding political parties and permanent alliance/neutrality. I leaned toward Federalists.

**John Adams (1797-1801):** I was the only Federalist president. I had issues with France in the XYZ Affair. I made political enemies with the Alien and Sedition Acts resulting in the Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions. I approved the "Midnight Judges."

### AGE OF JEFFERSON

**Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809):** I was a Democratic-Republican. I doubled the U.S. with the Louisiana Purchase. I love yeoman farmers, but not Barbary Pirates. I had to deal with the Federalist Supreme Court/John Marshall which gave us *Marbury v. Madison* and judicial review. I messed up with the Embargo Act of 1807 and Non-Intercourse Act of 1809.

**James Madison (1809-1817):** I was a Democratic-Republican. Impressment, Macon's Bill No. 2, and the War Hawks made deal with the War of 1812, but it grew our nationalism. The Federalists would die soon because of Hartford Convention.

**James Monroe (1817-1825):** I was a Democratic-Republican. I had Good Feelings and dealt with the Missouri Compromise. With the Monroe Doctrine I told Europe to stay out of the Americas. I got Florida from Spain.

**John Quincy Adams (1825-1829):** I was a Democratic-Republican, but a National Republican at heart. I got here because of the Election of 1824 and Corrupt Bargain against Andrew Jackson. By the way, I signed the Tariff of Abominations...heehee.

### AGE OF JACKSON

**Andrew Jackson (1829-1837):** I was a Democrat. I love states' rights! I inspired the common man and universal male suffrage. I wasn't nice to the Natives. I hated the Bank of the U.S. and through my Specie Circular and pet banks I sort of got us in the Panic of 1837. I had to deal with the Tariff of Abominations and the Nullification Crisis against John C. Calhoun.

**Martin van Buren (1837-1841):** I was a Democrat, but thanks to Jackson I suffered from the Panic of 1837 and depression.

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### ANTEBELLUM PERIOD

**William Henry Harrison (1841):** I was the first Whig and now I'm dead.

**John Tyler (1841-1845):** I was a Whig, but I keep acting like a Democrat. I approved the Webster-Ashburton Treaty to cool off Britain on northern border.

**James K. Polk (1845-1849):** I was a Democrat. I love Manifest Destiny and expansion. I love it so much I lobbied for Texas annexation, I got Oregon, and defeated Mexico in the Mexican-American War to get the Mexican Cession.

**Zachary Talyor: (1849-1850):** I was a Whig, but owned slaves. I died in office.

**Millard Fillmore (1850-1853):** I was a Whig. I got to see the Compromise of 1850.

**Franklin Pierce (1853-1857):** I was a Democrat, but I really liked the pro-slavery/Southern Democrats. I made a mess of things with sectionalism and slavery with the Gadsden Purchase, the Ostend Manifesto, and the Kansas-Nebraska Act. I did nothing about Bleeding Kansas. Wasn't I awesome?

**James Buchanan (1857-1861):** I was a Democrat and was elected because I didn't stir trouble. I got to deal with the Dred Scott case. I endorsed the Lecompton Constitution and Crittenden Compromise which was pro-slavery just so I wouldn't have to deal with slavery, but they all failed which means I am a FAIL.

### CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION

**Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865):** I was the first Republican president and had to deal with the Civil War, but I GOT THIS. I was cool with slavery, just don't expand it. I wanted to preserve the union and handled the border states, especially Maryland. I was leading an epic win against the Confederacy along with my Emancipation Proclamation, my Gettysburg Address, and Second Inaugural Address. My Republican BFFs passed the Homestead Act and Morrill Land Grant Act. Before I could do more awesome I got shot.

**Andrew Johnson (1865-1869):** I was a Democrat and a white supremacist. I had a Reconstruction plan, but I kept vetoing awesome things and then had to deal with Radical Republicans. They ruled Congress and almost got me removed from office.

**Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877):** I was a Republican. I basically went along with Radical Republicans and their Radical Reconstruction. First Transcontinental Railroad was built. I had to deal with the Panic of 1873, but I deserve it for my corrupt administration.

**Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881):** I was a Republican. I don't know if I really won the election, but I got in as long as I took federal troops out of the South, ended radical reconstruction, and helped develop the South's infrastructure. By the way, I let the Democrats regain power in the South.

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### GILDED AGE

**James A. Garfield (1881):** I was a Republican. A disgruntled federal employee shot me. And I'm done.

**Chester A. Arthur (1881-1885):** I was a Republican. Since they shot Garfield, I approved the Pendleton Act.

**Grover Cleveland (1885-1889):** I was a Democrat. Gilded Age big businesses cause problems leading to Interstate Commerce Commission, labor unions and strikes, and Granger Movement.

**Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893):** I was a Republican. Monopolies in trouble with Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Populists make a fuss and give us democratic ideas, Sherman Silver Purchase Act and McKinley Tariff.

**Grover Cleveland (1893-1897):** I'm back! Just in time for the Panic of 1893. Problems escalate with strikes and unions.

### PROGRESSIVE ERA

**William McKinley (1897-1901):** I'm all about imperialism with the Spanish-American War, Open Door Policy, and Boxer Rebellion. I got shot by an anarchist.

**Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1908):** I'm a Republican. I'm a Progressive president, just look: Square Deal, trust-busting, arbitrated coal strike, Hepburn Act, Pure Food and Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act, and conservation. I manhandled the world with Big Stick Policy and Roosevelt Corollary.

**William Howard Taft (1909-1913):** I'm a Republican. I'm all about business with my Dollar Diplomacy. And I like tariffs (Paine-Aldrich Tariff). Told you I was a Republican.

**Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921):** I'm a Democrat. Check out all the Progressive stuff during me: Federal Trade Commission, Federal Reserve, Clayton Anti-Trust Act, 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment income tax, 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment direct elect Senators, 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment Prohibition, and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment women suffrage. And I had to deal with World War I where I presented the League of Nations, but America didn't want it.

### ROARING TWENTIES

**Warren G. Harding (1921-1923):** I'm a Republican. I want a Return to Normalcy. I like peace with the Washington Conference. Love business with the Fordney-McCumber Tariff. Fail with Teapot Dome Scandal.

**Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929):** I'm a Republican and that's why the Business of America is Business. Peace and neutrality with the Kellogg-Briand Pact. Stop immigrants with National Origins Act.

**Herbert Hoover (1929-1933):** I'm a Republican and love business. Crash in 1929, but I make it worse by signing Hawley-Smoot Tariff. I look bad with Bonus March. EPIC ECONOMIC FAIL!

### GREAT DEPRESSION AND WORLD WAR II

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1933-1945):** I'm a Democrat. I am President almost forever. I help nation during the Great Depression with my New Deal (AAA, NIRA, FDIC, TVA, CCC, Social Security, Wagner Act). I went a bit too far with the court-packing. I swore revenge against Japan, Germany, and Italy during World War II and expanded government then too. I redefine Democrats.

**Harry S. Truman (1945-1953):** I'm a Democrat. I ended WWII with the atomic bombs. I have a Fair Deal and desegregate the federal government and military. Taft-Hartley Act messed up unions. I want to contain communism with Marshall Plan, Berlin Airlift, NATO, and Korea.

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### COLD WAR

**Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961):** I'm a Republican. I develop nation with pro-business policies and the Interstate Highway Act. I had to deal with *Brown v. Board of Education*, but I handled it. I had some fails with containment, but I prefer brinkmanship. Watch out for that military-industrial complex.

**John F. Kennedy (1961-1963):** I'm a Democrat. I propose the New Frontier and Alliance for Progress. I fail with Bay of Pigs, but redeem with Cuban Missile Crisis. I got shot by Oswald.

**Lyndon B. Johnson (1963-1969):** I'm a Democrat. My Great Society is great! Look at it: civil rights acts, Medicare/Medicaid, education funding and reform, and War on Poverty. I EPIC FAIL with Vietnam.

**Richard Nixon (1969-1974):** I'm a Republican. My New Federalism backs off the federal government. I set up the EPA and finalize integration. I open up China and Russia with détente. My Vietnamization is kind of working. Economy starts stagflating. I break the people's trust with Watergate scandal.

**Gerald Ford (1974-1977):** I'm a Republican. I pardoned Nixon – Fail. Energy crisis with WIN – Fail.

**Jimmy Carter (1977-1981):** I'm a Democrat. More energy crisis and more stagflation. Foreign policy fails with Iran and Panama Canal treaties. Foreign policy wins with Camp David Accords.

**Ronald Reagan (1981-1989):** I'm a Republican. I expand Republican Party with Christian conservatives. I love supply-side economics. Less government and more deregulation. I take on communism with Grenada and put pressure on Gorbachev. Iran-Contra Affair was bad, but people still love me.

### CONTEMPORARY PERIOD

**George H.W. Bush (1989-1993):** I'm a Republican. Cold War ends for me. I manhandle Iraq. Economy hurts my chances for election.

**Bill Clinton (1993-2001):** I'm a Democrat. The economy rocks during my administration. I sign NAFTA. Republicans take over Congress and give me trouble about an intern.

**George W. Bush (2001-2009):** I'm a Republican. I barely won the election. 9/11 let me attack Afghanistan and Iraq.

**Barack Obama (2009-):** I'm a Democrat. I promised change and got a healthcare plan through. For now, you don't have to worry about my administration for the exam.