Learn About Presidents

Activity Book
Presidents 1-5

GEORGE WASHINGTON

1st President

BORN: February 22, 1732
Westmoreland County, VA

Dates of Presidency: 1789–1797

Party Affiliation: Federalist

FACT
Washington had false teeth. One pair was made of ivory from the tusk of an elephant!

JOHN ADAMS

2nd President

Born: October 30, 1735
Braintree, Massachusetts

Dates of Presidency: 1797–1801

Party Affiliation: Federalist

FACT
Adams was the first president to live in the White House.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

3rd President

Born: April 13, 1743
Albemarle County, VA

Dates of Presidency: 1801–1809

Party Affiliation: Democratic-Republican

FACT
Jefferson was the first president to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.

JAMES MADISON

4th President

Born: March 16, 1751
Port Conway, Virginia

Dates of Presidency: 1809–1817

Party Affiliation: Democratic-Republican

FACT
Madison was 5 feet 4 inches tall, and weighed about 100 pounds.

JAMES MONROE

5th President

Born: April 28, 1758
Westmoreland County, VA

Dates of Presidency: 1817–1825

Party Affiliation: Democratic-Republican

FACT
Monroe was the first president to ride in a steamboat.

DID YOU KNOW?

James Madison is the smallest president to date. 5’4” TALL

How tall are you?
 DID YOU KNOW?

Adams had some unusual pets.

What animal would you most like to have as a pet?

FACT
Adams kept silkworms and an alligator as pets.

FACT
Jackson was the first president to ride in a train.

FACT
Van Buren was the first president to be born as a citizen of the United States.

FACT
Harrison was the last president born before the United States became independent from Great Britain.

FACT
Tyler was given the nickname "the accidental president."
**JAMES K. POLK**

- **Born:** November 24, 1784
  Orange County, Virginia
- **Dates of Presidency:** 1845–1849
- **Party Affiliation:** Whig

*FACT*
In 1849, Polk became the first president to have his photo taken.

**ZACHARY TAYLOR**

- **Born:** January 7, 1784
  Orange County, Virginia
- **Dates of Presidency:** 1849–1850
- **Party Affiliation:** Whig

*FACT*
Taylor voted for the first time at age 62.

**MILLARD FILLMORE**

- **Born:** January 7, 1800
  Summerhill, New York
- **Dates of Presidency:** 1850–1853
- **Party Affiliation:** Whig

*FACT*
Fillmore was the first to establish a permanent library in the White House.

**FRANKLIN PIERCE**

- **Born:** November 23, 1804
  Hillsboro, New Hampshire
- **Dates of Presidency:** 1853–1857
- **Party Affiliation:** Democratic

*FACT*
Pierce was the first president to give his inauguration speech from memory.

**JAMES BUCHANAN**

- **Born:** April 23, 1791
  Cove Gap, Pennsylvania
- **Dates of Presidency:** 1857–1861
- **Party Affiliation:** Democratic

*FACT*
Buchanan was the only president to never be married.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Taylor voted for the first time at age 62. At what age are you allowed to vote in the United States?
**ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

- **Born:** February 12, 1809
  - Hardin County, Kentucky
- **Dates of Presidency:**
  - 1861–1865
- **Party Affiliation:** Republican

**FACT**
Lincoln was the only president to receive a patent for a device used to lift boats over shoals.

**ANDREW JOHNSON**

- **Born:** December 29, 1808
  - Raleigh, North Carolina
- **Dates of Presidency:**
  - 1865–1869
- **Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**FACT**
Johnson did not make an inaugural address.

**ULYSSES S. GRANT**

- **Born:** April 27, 1822
  - Point Pleasant, Ohio
- **Dates of Presidency:**
  - 1869–1877
- **Party Affiliation:** Republican

**FACT**
In 1872, Grant made Yellowstone the first national park.

**RUTHERFORD B. HAYES**

- **Born:** October 4, 1822
  - Delaware, Ohio
- **Dates of Presidency:**
  - 1877–1881
- **Party Affiliation:** Republican

**FACT**
In 1879, Hayes began the tradition of the Easter Egg Roll.

**JAMES A. GARFIELD**

- **Born:** November 19, 1831
  - Orange Township, Ohio
- **Dates of Presidency:**
  - March–September, 1881
- **Party Affiliation:** Republican

**FACT**
Garfield was ambidextrous, which means he could write legibly with both hands.
CHESTER A. ARTHUR
Born: October 5, 1829
Fairfield, Vermont
Dates of Presidency:
1881–1885
Party Affiliation:
Republican

FACT
Arthur liked fine clothing and changed his clothes multiple times a day.

BENJAMIN HARRISON
Born: August 20, 1833
North Bend, Ohio
Dates of Presidency:
1889–1893
Party Affiliation:
Republican

FACT
Harrison was the first president to have electricity put into the White House.

GROVER CLEVELAND
Born: March 18, 1837
Caldwell, New Jersey
Dates of Presidency:
1885–1889, 1893–1897
Party Affiliation:
Democratic

FACT
Cleveland was featured on the $1000 bill until it was discontinued in 1945.

WILLIAM McKinley
Born: January 29, 1843
Niles, Ohio
Dates of Presidency:
1897–1901
Party Affiliation:
Republican

FACT
McKinley was the first president to ride in an automobile while in office.

DID YOU KNOW?
McKinley was the first president to ride in an automobile. Draw your dream car.
THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
Born: October 27, 1858  
New York, New York  
Dates of Presidency:  
1901–1909  
Party Affiliation:  
Republican  

FACT  
Roosevelt was the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping to end the Russian-Japanese War.

WILLIAM H. TAFT  
Born: September 15, 1857  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Dates of Presidency:  
1909–1913  
Party Affiliation:  
Republican  

FACT  
Taft was the only president to also serve as chief justice of the Supreme Court.

WOODROW WILSON  
Born: December 28, 1856  
Staunton, Virginia  
Dates of Presidency:  
1913–1921  
Party Affiliation:  
Democratic  

FACT  
Under Wilson’s presidency, a flock of sheep was raised on the White House lawn to raise money for the Red Cross during World War I.

WARREN G. HARDING  
Born: November 2, 1865  
Blooming Grove, Ohio  
Dates of Presidency:  
1921–1923  
Party Affiliation:  
Republican  

FACT  
Harding was the first president to speak over the radio.

CALVIN COOLIDGE  
Born: July 4, 1872  
Plymouth Notch, Vermont  
Dates of Presidency:  
1923–1929  
Party Affiliation:  
Republican  

FACT  
Coolidge refused to use the telephone while in office.

DID YOU KNOW?  
Coolidge refused to use the telephone.  
What are some other methods you can use to communicate with others?  

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HERBERT C. HOOVER
Born: August 10, 1874
West Branch, Iowa
Dates of Presidency: 1929–1933
Party Affiliation: Republican

FACT
Hoover approved the “Star-Spangled Banner” as the national anthem.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
Born: January 30, 1882
Hyde Park, New York
Dates of Presidency: 1933–1945
Party Affiliation: Democratic

FACT
Roosevelt was paralyzed by the polio disease. He served his entire presidency without the use of his legs.

HARRY S. TRUMAN
Born: May 8, 1884
Lamar, Missouri
Dates of Presidency: 1945–1953
Party Affiliation: Democratic

FACT
Truman was the first president to give a speech on television.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
Born: October 14, 1890
Denison, Texas
Dates of Presidency: 1953–1961
Party Affiliation: Republican

FACT
Eisenhower was the only president to serve in both World War I and World War II.

DID YOU KNOW?
Hoover approved the Star-Spangled Banner as the national anthem. When do you typically hear this? Do you know the words?

John F. Kennedy
Born: May 29, 1917
Brookline, Massachusetts
Party Affiliation: Democratic

FACT
Kennedy was the youngest American elected president and the youngest to die in office.
**LYNDON B. JOHNSON**
Born: August 27, 1908
Stonewall, Texas
Party Affiliation: Democratic

**FACT**
Johnson had pet beagles named “Him” and “Her.”

**RICHARD M. NIXON**
Born: January 9, 1913
Yorba Linda, California
Party Affiliation: Republican

**FACT**
Nixon is the only president to resign.

**GERALD R. FORD**
Born: July 14, 1913
Omaha, Nebraska
Party Affiliation: Republican

**FACT**
Ford once worked as a fashion model.

**JAMES E. CARTER**
Born: October 1, 1924
Plains, Georgia
Party Affiliation: Democratic

**FACT**
Carter was the first president born in a hospital.

**RONALD W. REAGAN**
Born: February 6, 1911
Tampico, Illinois
Party Affiliation: Republican

**FACT**
Reagan’s favorite snack was the jelly bean.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
Reagan’s favorite snack was the jelly bean. Draw a picture of your favorite snack.
**Presidents 41-45**

**DONALD J. TRUMP**
- **Born:** June 14, 1946, Queens, New York
- **Dates of Presidency:** 2017-Present
- **Party Affiliation:** Republican
- **FACT** Trump was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2007.

**GEORGE H.W. BUSH**
- **Born:** June 12, 1924, Milton, Massachusetts
- **Dates of Presidency:** 1989–1993
- **Party Affiliation:** Republican
- **FACT** Bush was director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for one year.

**WILLIAM J. CLINTON**
- **Born:** August 19, 1946, Hope, Arkansas
- **Dates of Presidency:** 1993–2001
- **Party Affiliation:** Democratic
- **FACT** When he was a child, Clinton’s mother told him he would one day be president of the United States.

**GEORGE W. BUSH**
- **Born:** July 6, 1946, New Haven, Connecticut
- **Dates of Presidency:** 2001–2009
- **Party Affiliation:** Republican
- **FACT** Bush was a pilot in the Texas Air National Guard.

**BARACK H. OBAMA II**
- **Born:** August 4, 1961, Honolulu, Hawaii
- **Dates of Presidency:** 2009–2017
- **Party Affiliation:** Democratic
- **FACT** Obama was the winner of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Clinton’s Mom told him that he would be president one day. What do you dream of doing when you grow up?

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Many presidents are shown on our US currency. Can you match the president to the correct coin or bill?

- George Washington
- Abraham Lincoln
- Alexander Hamilton
- Andrew Jackson
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Thomas Jefferson

Which presidents are on both a coin and a bill shown above?
Write a letter to the president. Talk about an issue or problem that you care about, or ask something you’ve always wanted to know.

Dear Mr. President,

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Sincerely,
What would you do if you were president of the United States? Draw your official portrait to the right, and answer the questions below.

1. If I were president, the first thing I would do is ____________________________
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2. If I were president, I would never ____________________________
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3. If I were president, I would make our country better by ____________________________
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4. If I were president, one law I would create would be ____________________________
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