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The Young Republic, 1788-1815

1. George Washington, 1789-1797, (no party)
   VP – John Adams
   Secretary of State – Thomas Jefferson
   Secretary of Treasury – Alexander Hamilton
   Major Items: Judiciary Act, 1789
   Tariff of 1789
   French Revolution – Citizen Genét, 1793
   Whiskey Rebellion, 1794
   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 Acts, 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 (France)
   Orders in Council (Britain)
   "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
   Rush-Bagot Agreement, 1817
   Convention of 1818 (U. S. & Great Britain)
   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
Indian Removal
Nullification Crisis 1832-33
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 49th parallel

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

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

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

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, Democrat
Second Administration (only President to serve two non-consecutive terms)
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 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"

Roaring Twenties, 1920-1929

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

Détente, Rapprochement, & the Post-Cold War World, 1968 - present

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
26th 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, 2009-2013, 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, immigration, & health care reforms