## THE PRESIDENTS

## An APUSH Historical Contextual Review of Presidential Administrations

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# George Washington (1789-1797)

- Era
  - Period 3 (1754-1800)
  - Constitutional Period
- Political Developments
  - Judiciary Act of 1789
  - Whiskey Rebellion (1794)
  - Federalist Party
  - Democratic-Republican Party
- Economic Developments
  - Assumption Plan (1790)
  - First National Bank of the United States (1791)
  - Samuel Slater's factory (1791)
  - Cotton gin by Eli Whitney (1793)
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Republican motherhood
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - French Revolution
    - Citizen Genet (1793)
  - Jay Treaty (1794)
  - Pinckney's Treaty (1795)



## John Adams (Federalist) (1797-1801)

#### • Era

- Period 3 (1754-1800)
- Constitutional Period

### Political Developments

- Alien and Sedition Acts (1798)
- Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions (1798-1799)
- Midnight Judges and Marshall Court (1801)

### Social and Cultural Developments

- Republican motherhood
- Second Great Awakening

### Foreign Developments

- XYZ Affair (1797-1798)
- Quasi War (1798-1800)



## Thomas Jefferson (D-R) (1801-1809)

#### • Era

- Period 4 (1800-1848)
- Age of Jefferson

### Political Developments

- Election of 1800/Revolution of 1800
- Marbury v. Madison (1803)
- Louisiana Purchase (1803)

### Economic Developments

- Embargo Act of 1807
- Steamboat *Clermont* (1807)

### Social and Cultural Developments

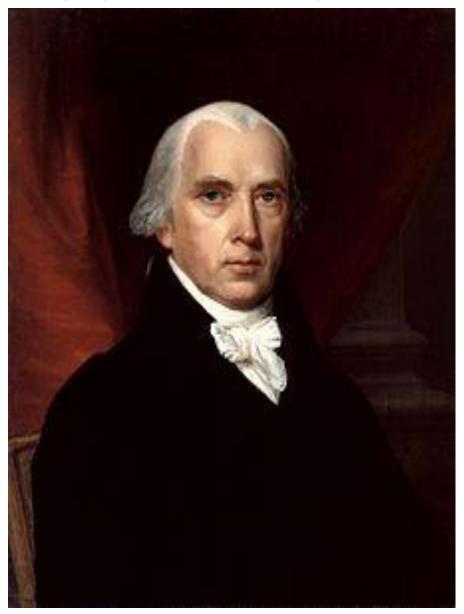
- Non-importation of slaves (1808)
- Second Great Awakening

- Barbary Pirates/War (1801-1805)
- Chesapeake-Leopard Affair (1807)



## James Madison (D-R) (1809-1817)

- Era
  - Period 4 (1800-1848)
  - Age of Jefferson
- Political Developments
  - Hartford Convention (1814-1815)
- Economic Developments
  - Second Bank of the United States (1816)
  - American System
  - Tariff of 1816
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Second Great Awakening
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Impressment
  - Non-intercourse Act of 1809
  - Macon's Bill No. 2 (1810)
  - Battle of Tippecanoe (1811)
  - War of 1812
    - Battle of New Orleans (1814)



## James Monroe (D-R) (1817-1825)

#### • Era

- Period 4 (1800-1848)
- Era of Good Feelings

#### Political Developments

- Era of Good Feelings
- McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)
- Gibbons v. Ogden (1821)
- Missouri Compromise (1820)

#### Economic Developments

- American System
- Panic of 1819
- Cumberland Road
- Lowell System

#### Social and Cultural Developments

- Denmark Vesey Slave Revolt (1822)
- American Colonization Society (1822)
- Second Great Awakening

- Adams-Onis Treaty (1819)
- Monroe Doctrine (1823)



## John Quincy Adams (NR) (1825-1829)

#### Era

- Period 4 (1800-1848)
- Age of Jackson

### Political Developments

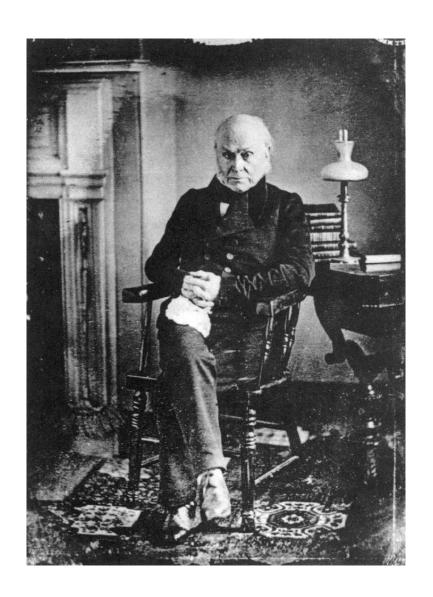
- Corrupt Bargain/Election of 1824
- Tariff of Abominations (Tariff of 1828)

## Economic Developments

- American System
- Erie Canal (1825)

## Social and Cultural Developments

- Second Great Awakening
- American Temperance Society



## Andrew Jackson (D) (1829-1837)

#### Era

- Period 4 (1800-1848)
- Age of Jackson

#### Political Developments

- Spoils system
- Nullification Crisis
- Democrat Party
- Whig Party
- Taney Court

#### **Economic Developments**

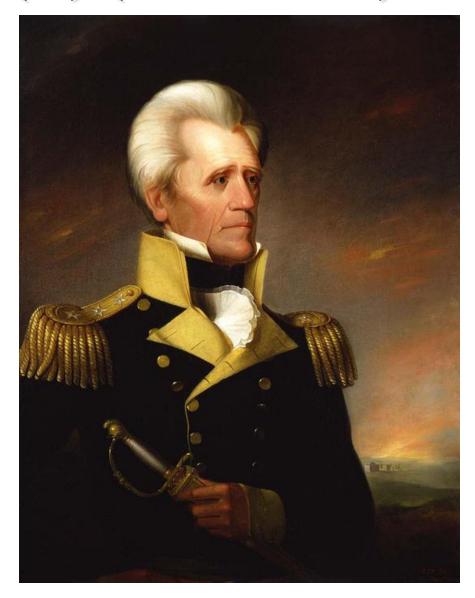
- Bank War (1832-1841)
- Specie Circular (1836)

#### Social and Cultural Developments

- Universal male suffrage
- Common man
- Nat Turner Slave Revolt (1831)
- The Liberator and William Lloyd Garrison (1831)
- American Antislavery Society (1833)
- John C. Calhoun's Positive Good Speech (1837)
- Indian Removal Act (1830)
- Cherokee Nation v. Georgia (1831)
- Worcester v. Georgia (1832)
- Trail of Tears
- Second Great Awakening

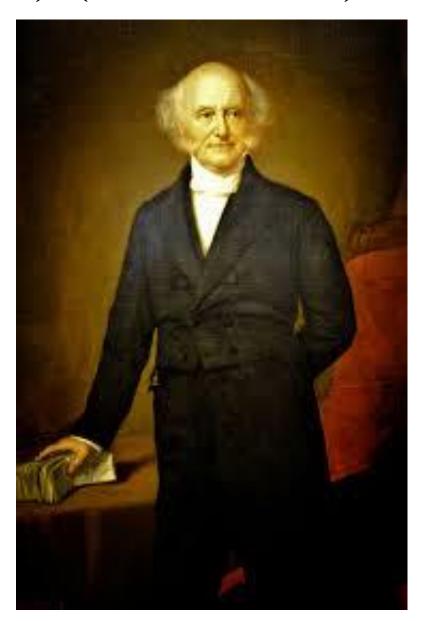
#### Foreign Policy Developments

- The Alamo (1836)



## Martin van Buren (D) (1837-1841)

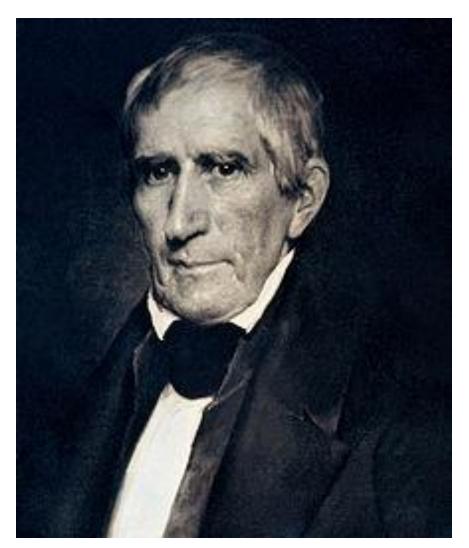
- Era
  - Period 4 (1800-1848)
  - Age of Jackson
- Economic Developments
  - Panic of 1837
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Trail of Tears
  - Second Great Awakening
  - Brook Farm
  - Liberty Party (1840)



## William Henry Harrison (W) (1841)

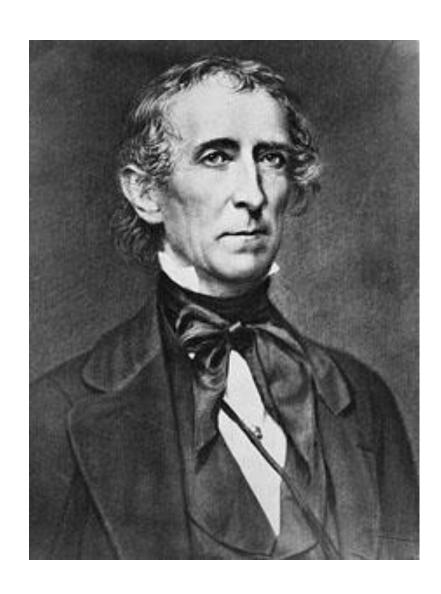
### • Era

- Period 4 (1800-1848)
- Antebellum Period



# John Tyler (W) (1841-1845)

- Era
  - Period 4 (1800-1848)
  - Antebellum Period
- Political Developments
  - Annexation of Texas (1845)
- Economic Developments
  - Telegraph by Samuel Morse (1844)
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Commonwealth v. Hunt (1842)
  - Irish potato famine
  - Know Nothing Party/movement
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Webster-Ashburton Treaty (1842)



## James K. Polk (D) (1845-1849)

#### • Era

- Period 5 (1844-1877)
- Antebellum Period

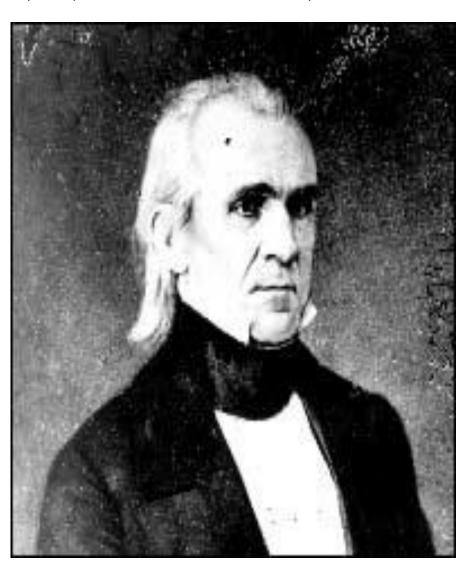
#### **Economic Developments**

California Gold Rush (1848-1849)

#### Social and Cultural Developments

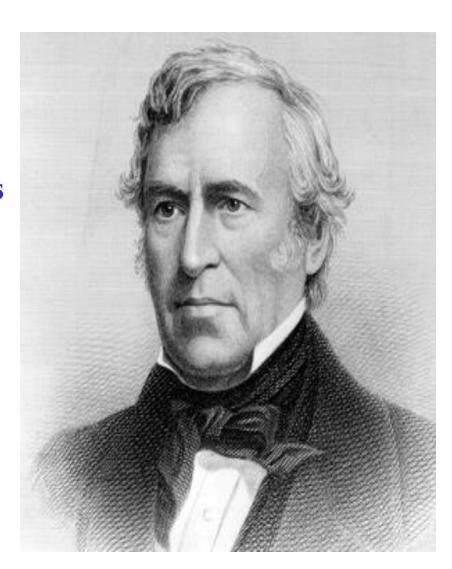
- Manifest Destiny
- Irish potato famine
- Seneca Falls Convention (1848)
- The North Star and Frederick Douglass (1847)
- Free Soil Party (1848)
- Oneida Community

- Oregon Territory (1846)
  - "54' 40 or Fight!"
  - 49th Parallel
- Mexican-American War (1848)
  - Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo
  - Mexican Cession



## Zachary Taylor (W) (1849-1850)

- Era
  - Period 5 (1844-1877)
  - Antebellum Period
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Irish potato famine
  - The Scarlet Letter (1850)
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Clayton-Bulwer Treaty (1850)



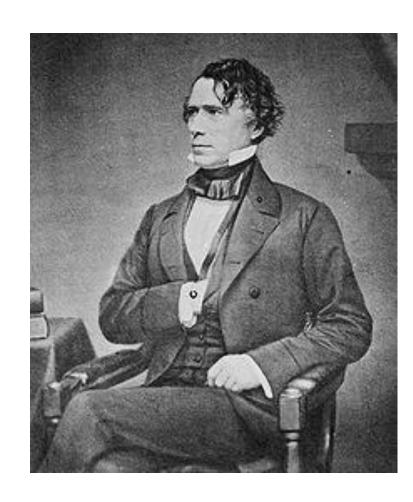
## Millard Fillmore (W) (1850-1853)

- Era
  - Period 5 (1844-1877)
  - Antebellum Period
- Political Developments
  - Compromise of 1850
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Uncle Tom's Cabin (1852)
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Perry Expedition to Japan (1853-1854)



## Franklin Pierce (D) (1853-1857)

- Era
  - Period 5 (1844-1877)
  - Antebellum Period
- Political Developments
  - Gadsden Purchase (1853)
  - Kansas-Nebraska Act (1854)
  - Bleeding Kansas
  - Brooks-Sumner Incident (1856)
  - Republican Party (1854)
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Sociology for the South by George Fitzhugh (1854)
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Ostend Manifesto (1854)



## James Buchanan (D) (1857-1861)

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- Period 5 (1844-1877)
- Antebellum Period

### Political Developments

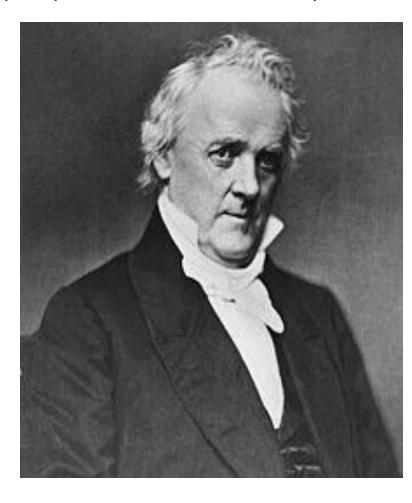
- Bleeding Kansas
- Lecompton Constitution

### Economic Developments

- Panic of 1857
- Comstock Lode (1859)

### Social and Cultural Developments

- Impending Crisis of the South by Hinton Helper
- Cannibals All! by George Fitzhugh (1857)
- Scott v. Sandford (1857)
- John Brown's Raid at Harpers Ferry (1859)



## Abraham Lincoln (R) (1861-1865)

#### • Era

- Period 5 (1844-1877)
- Civil War

### Political Developments

- Civil War (1861-1865)
- Reconstruction

### • Economic Developments

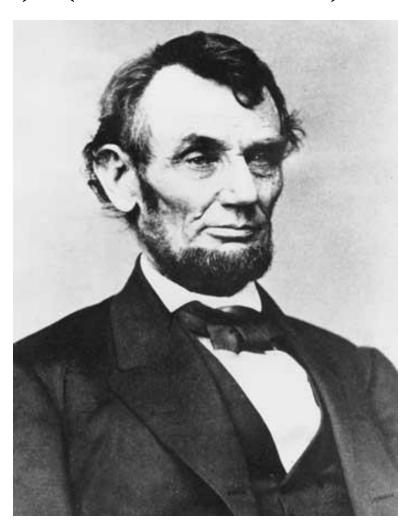
- Homestead Act (1862)
- Morrill Land Grant Act (1862)
- Pacific Railway Act (1862)

### Social and Cultural Developments

- Emancipation Proclamation (1863)
- Freedmen's Bureau
- Sand Creek Massacre (1864)

## Foreign Policy Developments

- Trent Affair (1861)



## Andrew Johnson (D) (1865-1869)

#### • Era

- Period 5 (1844-1877)
- Reconstruction

### Political Developments

- Johnson Reconstruction
- Impeachment
- Fourteenth Amendment (1868)
- Boss Tweed

## Economic Developments

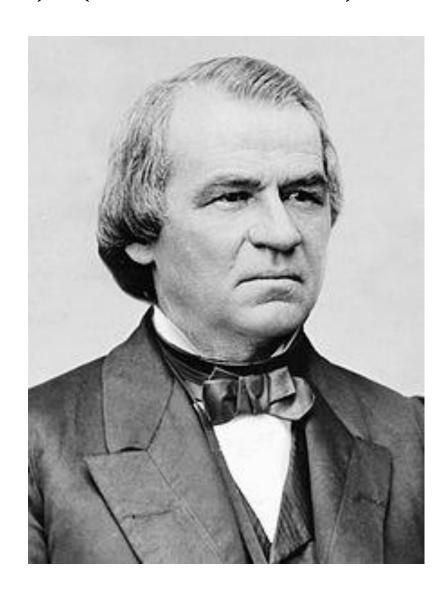
 National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry (1868)

### Social and Cultural Developments

- Black Codes
- Ku Klux Klan

### Foreign Policy Developments

Alaska Purchase (1867)



## Ulysses S. Grant (R) (1869-1877)

#### • Era

- Period 5 (1844-1877)
- Reconstruction
- Gilded Age

#### Political Developments

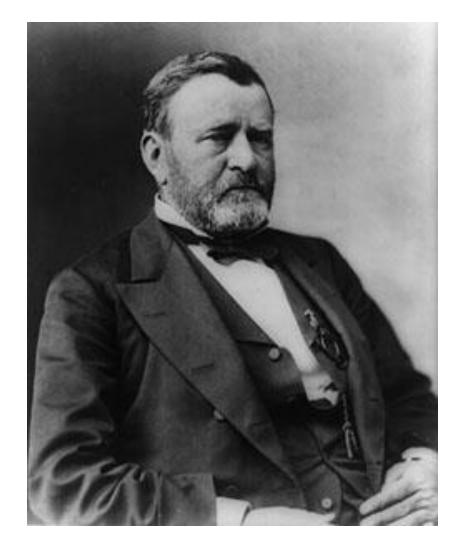
- Radical Reconstruction
- Fifteenth Amendment (1870)
- Boss Tweed
- Granger Laws
- Greenback Party (1874)

#### Economic Developments

- First Transcontinental Railroad (1869)
- Credit Mobilier
- "Crime of 1873"
- Panic of 1873
- Carnegie Steel
- Air brakes by George Westinghouse
- Telephone by Alexander Graham Bell

#### Social and Cultural Developments

Knights of Labor (1869)



## Rutherford B. Hayes (R) (1877-1881)

#### • Era

- Period 6 (1865-1898)
- Gilded Age

### Political Developments

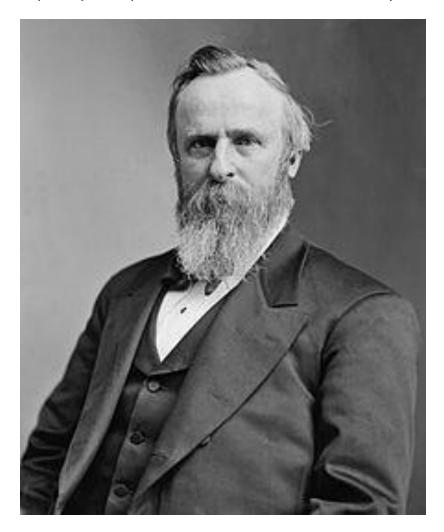
Compromise of 1877

### Economic Developments

- Standard Oil Trust
- Great Railroad Strike of 1877
- Incandescent light bulb by Thomas Edison (1879)
- Farmers' Alliance (1877)
- *Munn v. Illinois* (1877)

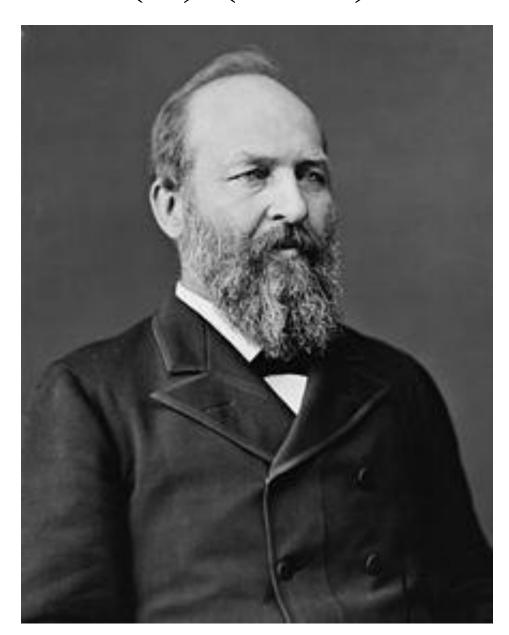
### Social and Cultural Developments

- Progress and Poverty by Henry George (1879)
- Social Gospel Movement



## James A. Garfield (R) (1881)

- Era
  - Period 6 (1865-1898)
  - Gilded Age
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Social Gospel Movement



## Chester A. Arthur (R) (1881-1885)

#### • Era

- Period 6 (1865-1898)
- Gilded Age

### Political Developments

Pendleton Act (1883)

## Social and Cultural Developments

- Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882
- A Century of Dishonor by Helen Hunt Jackson (1881)
- Social Gospel Movement
- The Adventures of HuckleberryFinn by Mark Twain (1884)



## Grover Cleveland (D) (1885-1889)

#### • Era

- Period 6 (1865-1898)
- Gilded Age

### Political Developments

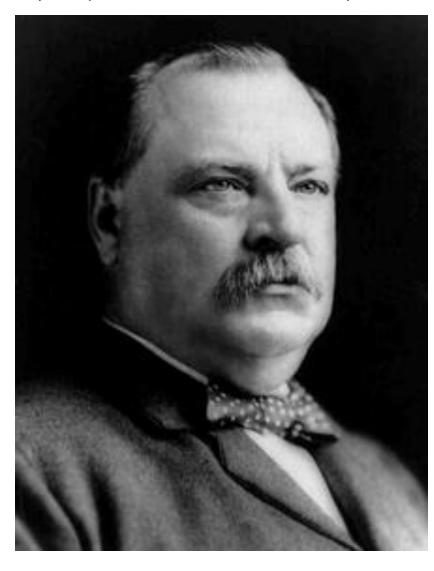
- Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) (1887)
- Grand Army of the Republic

### Economic Developments

- Alternate Current by Nikola Tesla (1885)
- Wabash v. Illinois (1886)

### Social and Cultural Developments

- Haymarket Riot (1886)
- American Federation of Labor (AFL) (1886)
- Dawes Severalty Act (1887)
- Social Gospel Movement
- Our Country: Its Possible Future and Present Crisis by Josiah Strong (1885)



## Benjamin Harrison (R) (1889-1893)

#### • Era

- Period 6 (1865-1898)
- Gilded Age

#### Political Developments

- Bimetallism
- Sherman Anti-trust Act (1890)
- Ocala Platform (1890)
- Populist Party (1891)
- Omaha Platform (1892)

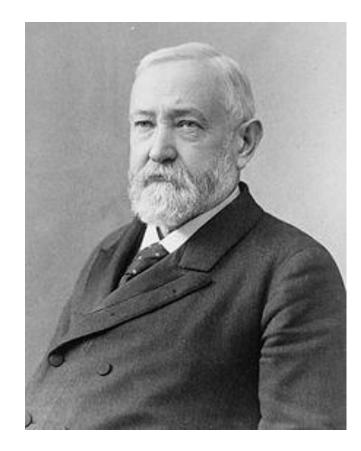
#### Economic Developments

- Sherman Silver Purchase Act (1890)
- McKinley Tariff
- Homestead Strike (1892)

#### Social and Cultural Developments

- National American Women Suffrage Association (NAWSA) (1890)
- Wounded Knee Massacre (1890)
- Sierra Club and John Muir (1892)
- Social Gospel Movement
- Gospel of Wealth
- Hull House and Jane Addams (1889)
- How the Other Half Lives by Jacob Riis (1890)

- Pan-American Conference (1889)
- The Influence of Sea Power Upon History by Alfred Thayer Nahan (1890)



## Grover Cleveland (D) (1893-1897)

#### • Era

- Period 6 (1865-1898)
- Gilded Age

#### Political Developments

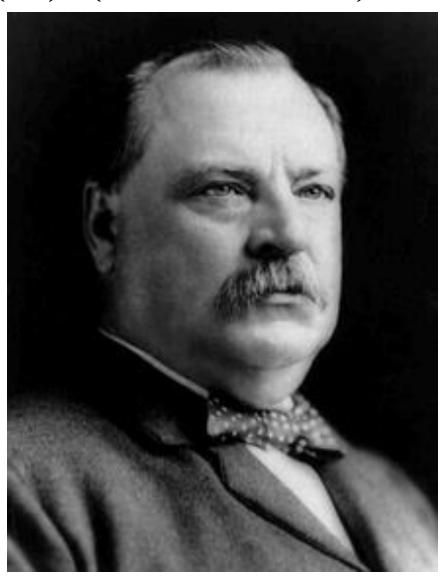
- Bimetallism
- Coxey's Army (1894)
- Cross of Gold Speech by William Jennings
  Bryan (Election of 1896)

#### Economic Developments

- Panic of 1893
- Pullman Strike (1894)
- United States v. E.C. Knight (1895)

#### Social and Cultural Developments

- Frontier Thesis by Frederick Jackson Turner (1893)
- Atlanta Compromise (1895)
- Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)
- Social Gospel Movement
- Antisaloon League (1893)



## William McKinley (R) (1897-1901)

#### • Era

- Period 7 (1890-1945)
- Gilded Age/Progressive Era
- Imperialism

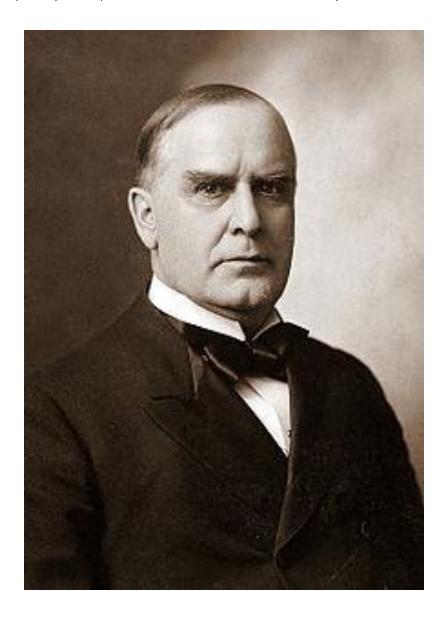
### Economic Developments

- Klondike Gold Rush (1896-1899)
- Gold Standard Act (1900)

### Social and Cultural Developments

Social Gospel Movement

- Annexation of Hawaii (1898)
- Spanish-American War (1898)
- Open Door Policy (1899)
- Boxer Rebellion (1899-1901)
- Philippine-American War (1899-1902)



## Theodore Roosevelt (R) (1901-1909)

#### • Era

- Period 7 (1890-1945)
- Progressive Era
- Imperialism

#### Political Developments

- Square Deal
- Meat Inspection Act (1906)
- Pure Food and Drug Act (1906)

#### Economic Developments

- Panic of 1907
- Conservation
- Henry Ford and Model T (1908)

#### Social and Cultural Developments

- Anthracite Coal Strike (1902)
- The History of the Standard Oil Company by Ida Tarbell (1904)
- Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) (1905)
- The Jungle by Upton Sinclair (1906)
- Niagara Movement and W.E.B. Du Bois (1905)

- Big Stick Policy
- Roosevelt Corollary
- Panama Revolution



## William Howard Taft (R) (1909-1913)

#### • Era

- Period 7 (1890-1945)
- Progressive Era
- Imperialism

### Political Developments

- Sixteenth Amendment (1913)

### Economic Developments

- Payne-Aldrich Tariff (1909)
- Standard Oil Company of New Jersey v. United States (1911)

### Social and Cultural Developments

- National Association for the Advancement for Colored People (NAACP) (1909)
- Triangle Shirtwaist Fire (1911)
- Great Migration (1910-1930)

## Foreign Policy Developments

Dollar Diplomacy



## Woodrow Wilson (D) (1913-1921)

#### • Era

- Period 7 (1890-1945)
- Progressive Era
- Imperialism

#### **Political Developments**

- Seventeenth Amendment (1913)
- Clayton Antitrust Act (1914)
- Federal Trade Commission (FTC) (1914)
- Espionage Act of 1917
- Sedition Act of 1918
- Schenk v. United States (1919)

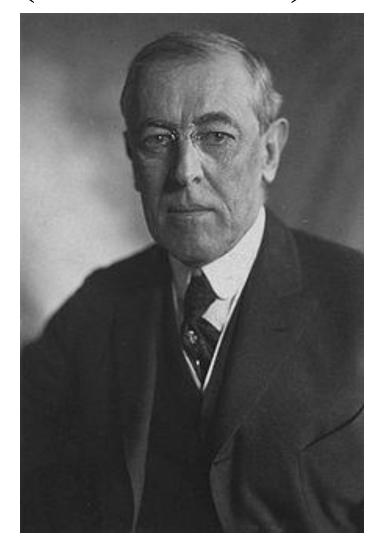
#### Economic Developments

Federal Reserve Act (1913)

#### Social and Cultural Developments

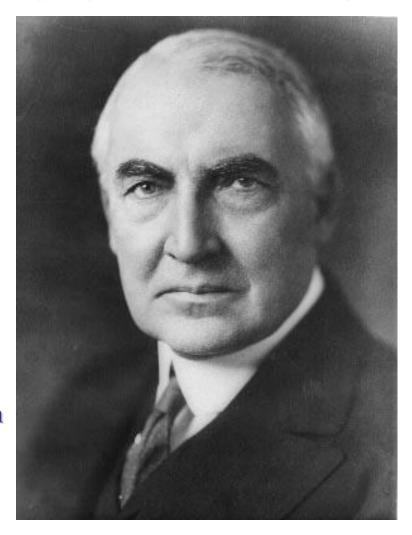
- Eighteenth Amendment (1919)
- Nineteenth Amendment (1920)
- League of Women Voters
- First Red Scare

- World War I
- Fourteen Points



## Warren G. Harding (R) (1921-1923)

- Era
  - Period 7 (1890-1945)
  - Roaring Twenties
- Political Developments
  - "A Return to Normalcy"
  - Teapot Dome Scandal
- Economic Developments
  - Fordney-McCumber Tariff (1922)
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Emergency Quota Act (1921)
  - Universal Negro Improvement Association and Marcus Garvey
  - Great Migration
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Washington Naval Conference (1922-1923)



# Calvin Coolidge (R) (1923-1928)

- Era
  - Period 7 (1890-1945)
  - Roaring Twenties
- Political Developments
  - "The business of America is business."
- Economic Developments
  - Revenue Act of 1924
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - National Origins Act (1924)
  - Scopes Monkey Trial (1925)
  - Great Migration
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Kellogg-Briand Pact (1928)



# Herbert Hoover (R) (1929-1933)

- Era
  - Period 7 (1890-1945)
  - Great Depression
- Political Developments
  - Bonus Army (1932)
- Economic Developments
  - Stock Market Crash of 1929
  - Smoot-Hawley Tariff (1930)
  - Reconstruction Finance Corporation (1932)
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Great Migration
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Stimson Doctrine



## Franklin D. Roosevelt (D) (1933-1945)

#### • Era

- Period 7 (1890-1945)
- Great Depression
- World War II

#### Political Developments

- New Deal
- Court packing scheme
- Hatch Act (1939)

#### **Economic Developments**

- Relief, Recovery, Reform
- Alphabet Soup (CCC, TVA, NIRA, AAA, WPA)
- Social Security
- Wagner Act
- Roosevelt Recession (1937-1938)
- Dust Bowl

#### Social and Cultural Developments

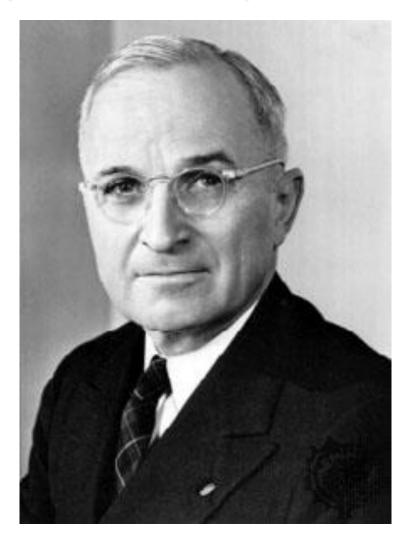
- 21st Amendment (1933)
- Korematsu v. United States/Japanese internment camps
- Great Migration
- Rosie the Riveter

- Good Neighbor Policy
- Lend-Lease Act
- Pearl Harbor
- World War II



## Harry Truman (D) (1945-1953)

- Era
  - Period 8 (1945-1980)
  - Cold War
- Political Developments
  - Fair Deal
  - Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer (1952)
- Economic Developments
  - Taft-Hartley Act (1947)
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Baby Boom
  - Second Red Scare/McCarthyism
  - Jackie Robinson (1947)
  - Executive Orders 9980 and 9981 (1948)
- Foreign Developments
  - Containment
  - Marshall Plan
  - Berlin Airlift
  - Korean Conflict



## Dwight D. Eisenhower (R) (1953-1961)

#### Era

- Period 8 (1945-1980)
- Cold War

#### Political Developments

Warren Court

#### Economic Developments

- Interstate Highway System (1956)
- National Defense Education Act (1958)

#### Social and Cultural Developments

- Baby Boom
- Second Red Scare.McCarthyism
- The Affluent Society by John K. Galbraith (1958)
- AFL-CIO (1955)
- Brown v. Board of Education (1954)
- Rosa Parks and Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955-1956)
- Little Rock Nine (1957)
- Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)
  - Sit-ins

#### • Foreign Developments

- Brinkmanship
- Operation Ajax (1953)
- Sputnik (1957)
- U-2 Incident (1960)



## John F. Kennedy (D) (1961-1963)

- Era
  - Period 8 (1945-1980)
  - Cold War
- Political Developments
  - New Frontier
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Baby Boom
  - Freedom Rides
  - Stand in the Schoolhouse Door (June 1963)
  - March on Washington (Aug 28, 1963)
  - The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan (1963)
  - Silent Spring by Rachel Carson (1962)

- Bay of Pigs Invasion (1961)
- Berlin Wall
- Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)



## Lyndon B. Johnson (D) (1963-1969)

- Era
  - Period 8 (1945-1980)
  - Cold War
- **Political Developments** 
  - Great Society
  - Miranda v. Arizona (1966)
- Economic Developments
  - War on Poverty
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Civil Rights Act of 1964
  - 24th Amendment (1964)
  - March to Selma (March 1965)
  - Voting Rights Act of 1965
  - Immigration Act of 1965
  - Counterculture Movement
  - Free Speech Movement (1964)
  - Woodstock Music Festival (1969)
  - National Organization for Women (NOW) (1966)
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Vietnam
  - Gulf of Tonkin Incident (1964)
  - Tet Offensive (1968)



## Richard Nixon (R) (1969-1974)

#### • Era

- Period 8 (1945-1980)
- Cold War

#### Political Developments

- New Federalism
- Burger Court
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (1970)
- War Powers Act (1973)
- Watergate (1973-1974)

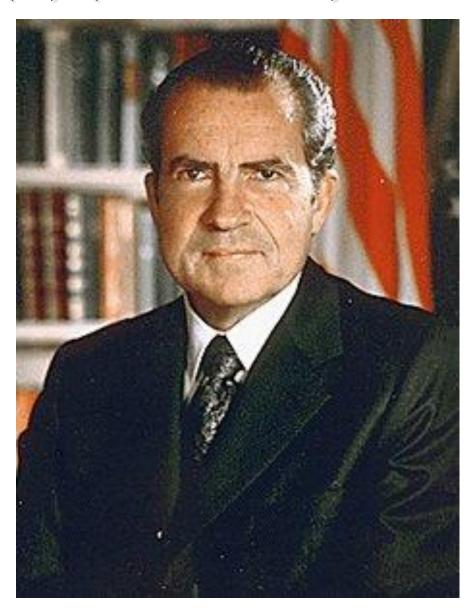
#### Economic Developments

- Stagflation
- OPEC oil embargo (1973)
- 90-day price and wage controls

#### Social and Cultural Developments

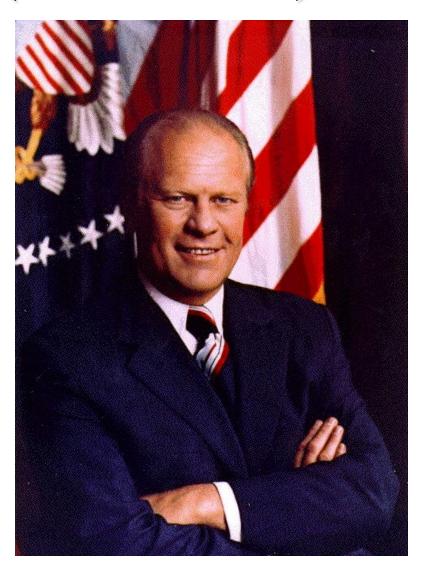
- Apollo 11 (1969)
- Kent State University (1970)
- 26th Amendment (1971)
- Roe v. Wade (1973)

- Détente
- Visit to China and Soviet Union
- Vietnamization



# Gerald Ford (R) (1974-1977)

- Era
  - Period 8 (1945-1980)
  - Cold War
- Political Developments
  - Pardon of Nixon
- Economic Developments
  - Stagflation
  - WIN (Whip Inflation Now)
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Indian Self-Determination Act (1975)
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Fall of Saigon (1975)



## Jimmy Carter (D) (1977-1981)

#### Era

- Period 8 (1945-1980)
- Cold War

### Political Developments

 Malaise Speech/Crisis of Confidence (1979)

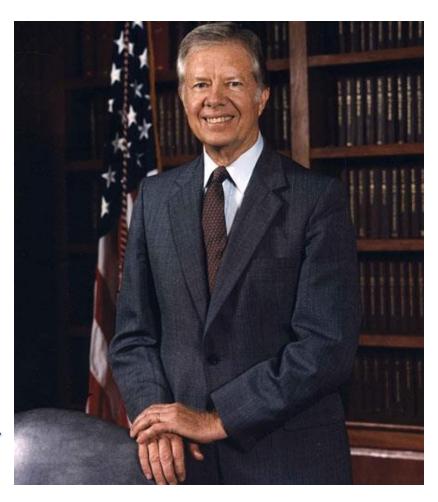
### Economic Developments

- Stagflation
- 1979 Energy Crisis

### Social and Cultural Developments

Regents of the University of California v.
 Bakke (1978)

- Camp David Accords (1978)
- Iran Hostage Situation (1979-1981)



## Ronald Reagan (R) (1981-1989)

#### • Era

- Period 9 (1980-Present)
- Cold War

#### Political Developments

- Iran-Contra Affair (1986)
- Rehnquist Court

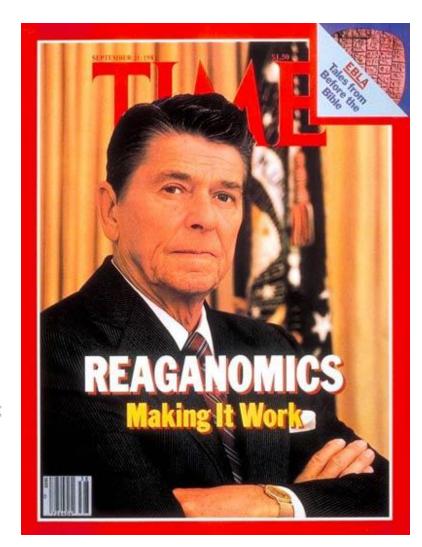
#### Economic Developments

- Reaganomics
- Economic Recovery Tax Act (1981)
- Tax Reform Act of 1986

#### Social and Cultural Developments

- PATCO Strike (1981)
- Sandra Day O'Connor Supreme Court appointment
- Immigration Reform and Control Act (1986)

- Rollback
- Grenada (1983)
- "Tear down this wall." West Berlin (1987)
- Mikhail Gorbachev



## George H.W. Bush (R) (1989-1993)

#### Era

- Period 9 (1980-Present)
- Cold War

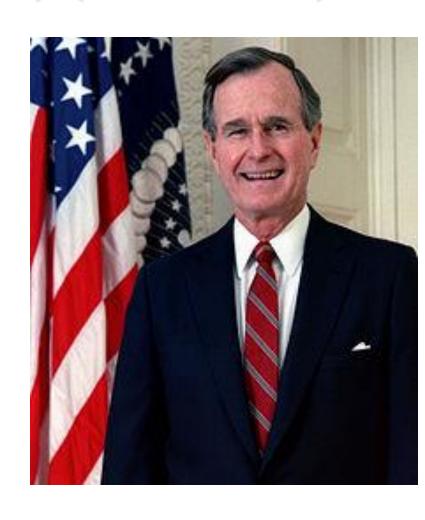
## Political Developments

American with Disabilities Act (1990)

## Economic Developments

- Recession (1990-1991)
- Savings and Loan Crisis

- Soviet Union dissolves
- Persian Gulf War (1991)



## Bill Clinton (D) (1993-2001)

- Era
  - Period 9 (1980-Present)
- Political Developments
  - Republican Revolution (1994)
  - Contract with America
  - Lewinski Scandal
  - Impeachment
- Economic Developments
  - North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) (1994)
  - Welfare Reform Act (1996)
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - Internet
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - Bosnia



## George W. Bush (R) (2001-2009)

#### • Era

- Period 9 (1980-Present)
- War on Terror

### Political Developments

- No Child Left Behind (NCLB) (2001)
- USA PATRIOT Act (2002)
- Hurricane Katrina (2005)

### Economic Developments

- Bush Tax Cuts (2001, 2003)
- Great Recession (2007-2009)
- Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP)

- -9/11
- Afghanistan (2001)
- Iraq (2003)



## Barack Obama (D) (2009-2017)

#### • Era

- Period 9 (1980-Present)
- War on Terror

#### Political Developments

- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010)/"Obamacare"
- Tea Party and 2010 Mid-Term Elections
- Citizens United v. FEC (2010)

#### Economic Developments

- Great Recession (2007-2009)
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (2009)

#### Social and Cultural Developments

- Sonia Sotomayor Supreme Court appointment
- Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"
- Obergefell v. Hodges (2015)

- Arab Spring
- ISIL



## Donald Trump (R) (2017-???)

- Era
  - Period 9 (1980-Present)
  - War on Terror
- Political Developments
  - Investigation of Russian Interference in 2016 Election
- Economic Developments
  - Jobs and Tax Cut Act (2017)
- Social and Cultural Developments
  - "Fake News"
  - White Nationalism and Charlottesville Rally
- Foreign Policy Developments
  - "America First"
  - Immigration
    - Mexican border wall proposal
    - Immigration bans
  - North Korea
  - Jerusalem

