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Multiple Choice Quiz

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This quiz is about US Presidents.

All questions have 4 possible answers of which only 1 is correct.

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The following is a list of US Presidents. You can find some general information about when they were born or died.

George Washington

In 1788, George Washington, at the age of 56, was elected the very first president of the United States.

He was officially inaugurated in the following year at age 57 alongside vice president John Adams.

He served for the next eight years before retiring to his home at Mt. Vernon. Having served his homeland since 1732, Washington passed away in 1799 at the age of 67 from a tracheal inflammation.

John Adams

John Adams was born in 1735 in what would one day become the United States.

Though several years older than Washington, John Adams, elected as president at 62, never gained the same unerring respect that Washington boasted.

He served as president for only one term from 63-66 alongside vice president Thomas Jefferson. After his time in office, Adams lived a long retirement before dying from old age in 1826.

Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson served two terms as US president. The first was with vice president Aaron Burr and the second alongside vice president George Clinton.

Born in 1743, Jefferson was 57 when he was first elected and inaugurated in 1801.

He died of fever in 1826, just hours before his predecessor would also pass away.

James Madison

Born in 1751, the “Father of the Constitution“, James Madison wouldn’t become president until 1809 at the age of 58.

He first served alongside vice president George Clinton, then later with Elbridge Gerry at the start of his second term. Post-presidency, Madison lived in Montpelier until dying of heart failure in 1836.

James Monroe

President from 1817–1825, James Monroe worked with vice president Daniel D. Tompkins for two consecutive terms. Monroe was 59 years old when he was elected and inaugurated.

Living from 1758–1831, Monroe lived a long life in service to his country before succumbing to heart failure and tuberculosis.

John Quincy Adams

John Quincy Adams, a single-term US president held office from 1825–1829 alongside vice president John C. Calhoun. He was elected and inaugurated at 58 years old, though his presidency was short, he lived a full life from 1767–1848 before dying of a cerebral hemorrhage at 79.

Andrew Jackson

A “common man” destined to become president, Andrew Jackson was born in 1829 on the Western frontier.

He was elected and inaugurated at the age of 62 and served with vice presidents John C. Calhoun and Martin Van Buren from 1829–1837.

After his presidency, Jackson returned to his home where he remained surrounded by his family until dying of dropsy and heart failure in 1845 at the age of 78.

Martin Van Buren

Serving from 1837–1841 alongside vice president Richard Mentor Johnson, Martin Van Buren was 54 when elected president and 55 when he took over an economically struggling country.

Born in 1782, Van Buren had never before experienced a worse economy, and though he did his best to bolster the country, the poor conditions prevented him from becoming reelected.

Van Buren lived to see eight more successors take office before eventually dying of asthma and heart failure in 1862 at the age of 79.

William Henry Harrison

William Henry Harrison was born in 1773. He was the shortest-serving US president,

William Henry Harrison held office for just 31 days after being elected at the age of 67.

He was succeeded by his vice president, John Tyler, after passing from septic shock at the age of 68.

John Tyler

John Tyler took over the role of the presidency after Harrison's death in 1841. 51-year-old John Tyler held office with no vice president at his side. Having been born in 1790 to a southern family, his policies favored states' rights, though his bills lost him the support of his own party over the course of his term.

He died in 1862 from a stroke.

James K. Polk

James K. Polk, born in 1795, was elected president of the United States in 1844 at the age of 50. After being inaugurated the following year, Polk served alongside vice president Zachary Taylor for a single term.

He died only three months after the completion of his term, passing from cholera in 1849 at 53, with his wife grieving at his side.

Zachary Taylor

Living from 1784-1850, Zachary Taylor was the 12th US president and the second to die during his presidency.

Though elected in 1848 at the age of 64 and inaugurated the following year at 65, Taylor's term would come to a sudden end when he passed away from an unknown illness, possibly cholera, in 1850 at the age of 65.

Millard Fillmore

Elected in 1849 at the age of 59 and inaugurated in 1850 at 50, Millard Fillmore served as president of the US alongside vice president Franklin Pierce.

He served just one term in office.

Fillmore was born in the year 1800 and lived a long, healthy life until dying from a stroke in 1874 at the age of 74.

Franklin Pierce

At the age of 49, Franklin Pierce was elected and inaugurated as US president.

His term alongside vice president William R. King lasted from 1853-1857 and is generally considered unremarkable by historians.

Pierce lived from 1804-1869, dying from liver cirrhosis at the age of 64.

James Buchanan

James Buchanan, the final president to serve before the start of the Civil War, was elected and inaugurated in 1857 at the age of 66 beside vice president John C. Breckinridge.

Like many of his predecessors, Buchanan's single term was largely defined by the issue of slavery in the union.

Despite his Northern birth, he appealed largely to Southern ideals regarding slavery.

He lived his entire life, from 1791-1868, in Pennsylvania, where he ultimately died of respiratory failure at the age of 77.

Abraham Lincoln

While one of the country's most beloved presidents, Abraham Lincoln was a relatively young man when elected to the presidency at the age of 52.

He was inaugurated in 1861 with vice president Hannibal Hamlin, then re-elected for a second term alongside Andrew Johnson.

This second term would prove short-lived, though, and after living a productive life since 1809, Lincoln was assassinated, being shot dead in 1865 by John Wilkes Booth.

Andrew Johnson

Taking the president's office in 1865 after Lincoln's assassination, 57-year old Andrew Johnson struggled to gain his predecessor's popularity.

He served a single term with no vice president before returning to Ohio and becoming largely forgotten by history.

Johnson lived from 1808-1875, dying from a stroke at the age of 66.

Ulysses S. Grant

After a string of shorter presidencies, Ulysses S. Grant held the president's office for two full terms, serving from 1869-1877.

He served alongside vice presidents Schuyler Colfax and then Henry Wilson.

He was just 47 when elected and inaugurated, but a decorated general who earned renown throughout the Civil War.

Though born Hiram Ulysses in 1822, Grant is remembered by his chosen name, Ulysses S., since dying of cancer in 1885 at the age of 63.

Rutherford B. Hayes

Born in 1822, Rutherford B. Hayes was elected and inaugurated president of the US in 1877 at the age of 55.

He and vice president William A. Wheeler held office for a single term, after which Hayes chose not to run again.

Hayes continued to advocate for equality following his presidency, fighting until his death in 1893 at the age of 70 of a heart attack.

James Garfield

A man of humble beginnings, James A. Garfield was born in rural Ohio in the year 1831. Despite his start, Garfield went on to be elected president in 1881 at the age of 50 with running mate and vice president Chester A. Arthur.

His time in office was short-lived, though, and after an assassination attempt resulted in infection, Garfield died in office at the age of 50.

Chester A. Arthur

Following the death of Garfield, Chester A. Arthur resumed the presidency in 1881, at the age of 51, with no vice president at his side. This was the only term Arthur served.

Only a few months after leaving office, Arthur died of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 56. He died in the year 1886.

Grover Cleveland

Grover Cleveland was born in 1837 and would go on to serve two non-consecutive terms as US president.

His first stint in office started in 1885 at the age of 48 alongside vice president Thomas A. Hendricks. He is the only president to serve non-consecutive terms, and would not return to the office until 1893 at the age of 56.

Re-elected along with vice president Adlai Stevenson, Cleveland served one more term before leaving the office for good.

Grover Cleveland had a large family and had a young wife.

He died in 1908 at the age of 71 after a heart attack left him weak.

Benjamin Harrison

The grandson of William Henry Harrison, Benjamin Harrison, born in 1833, was the 23rd president of the US.

He served for a single term alongside vice-president Levi P. Morton, having been elected and inaugurated in 1889 at the age of 56 prior to Cleveland's return to the White House.

Some time after leaving the office, Harrison died at the age of 68 from pneumonia, though at the time he was diagnosed with influenza.

William McKinley

Like Lincoln before him, William McKinley was a two-term president whose time in office was cut short by assassination.

He was born in 1843 and was initially inaugurated into office at the age of 54 (elected at age 53) with vice president Garret Hobart.

Not long after his second election, though, McKinley was shot, leaving the presidency open for his then vice president, Theodore Roosevelt.

Theodore Roosevelt

Renowned US president Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt was born in 1858 as a sickly child.

He worked hard to reach public office, however, and in 1901 at just the age of 43 became president after the death of McKinley. He is the youngest US President to be elected.

He was re-elected in 1905 and remained active in politics until his unexpected death by a blood clot in 1919 at the age of 60.

William Howard Taft

At the age of 52, William Howard Taft was elected as the 27th president of the United States. He and vice president James S. Sherman were inaugurated in March 1909.

Poor health followed Taft, though, and in 1930 he died of heart disease, 73 years after his 1857 birth.

Woodrow Wilson

Though born in 1856, well before the start of the Civil War, Woodrow Wilson could never have expected he would find himself president during one of the world's most infamous military events.

Entering office in 1913 at the age of 57 (age 56 when elected) along with vice president Thomas R. Marshall, Wilson's eight years as president saw the start of World War 1 in Europe.

Since dying of a stroke in 1924 at the age of 67, Wilson is remembered for his work navigating this complex conflict.

Warren G. Harding

When he was elected to the president's office in 1921 at the age of 56, Warren G. Harding was a remarkably popular candidate among the US population.

Unfortunately, this reputation would not last, and after his early death in 1923 from a heart attack, numerous controversies regarding his policies saw his favorable reputation decline.

Following his death, vice president Calvin Coolidge faced the task of overcoming his predecessor's shortcomings.

Calvin Coolidge

Calvin Coolidge, born in 1872, was a quiet president during a turbulent period of history.

He became president at 51 following Harding's passing and later was re-elected alongside vice president Charles G. Dawes.

He died suddenly at the age of 60 after suffering a coronary thrombosis in 1933.

Herbert Hoover

Herbert Hoover found himself more popular following his presidency than during it.

Born in 1874, Hoover was unfortunate to become president at 55 in the year 1929 – just before the economic collapse and the Great Depression. He and vice president Charles Curtis served just one term, after which Hoover remained on the political forefront until his passing in 1964 at the age of 90.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The longest-serving president in US history, Franklin D. Roosevelt was 51 when he first took his spot in the White House (though he was 50 at the time of his election).

He served 4 terms alongside vice presidents John Nance Garner, Henry A. Wallace, and Harry S. Truman.

The latter of this group would become his successor after Roosevelt's passing in 1945.

Roosevelt died of an intracerebral hemorrhage 63 years after his New York birth in 1882.

Harry S. Truman

Born in 1884, Harry S. Truman saw his country through economic depression and two World Wars.

By the time he took office in 1945 at the age of 61 though, the worst of these conflicts had passed.

Truman, later alongside vice president Alben W. Barkley, would instead face international tension in the form of the Cold War, a conflict that would live long past his time in office.

Truman died of pneumonia in 1972 at the age of 88.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Elected in 1953 at the age of 63, Dwight D. Eisenhower and his vice president, Richard Nixon, would both be remembered for their individual political contributions.

Eisenhower, who lived from 1890–1969, gained a name as one of the greatest US presidents before or since for his two terms in office. He died of congestive heart failure at the age of 78.

John F. Kennedy

Though only in office from 1961 (age 44) through 1963, John F. Kennedy is another one of the US's most renowned presidents.

He was born in 1917 in Massachusetts but was ultimately assassinated far from home in 1963, halfway through his presidential term.

Kennedy is the most recent president to be assassinated, having been shot in the head on a trip to Dallas.

Lyndon B. Johnson

Originally serving as Kennedy's vice president, Lyndon B. Johnson took up the presidency after his precedent's sudden passing.

Johnson served from 1963 (age 55) through 1969, for some time alongside vice president Hubert Humphrey, but never received the same adoration as Kennedy on account of his handling of the Vietnam war.

Johnson lived from 1908–1973, eventually dying of a heart attack a few years after his time in office at the age of 64.

Richard Nixon

Living from 1913–1994, Richard Nixon's life was one of the most controversial of any US president.

He was initially elected president in 1968 at age 55 (taking the office the following year at 56), and was active in his duties as he served alongside Spiro Agnew and Gerald Ford, but found his reputation sullied by the Watergate Scandal of 1973.

Nixon resigned in 1974 but would go on to live another 20 years before dying of a stroke.

Gerald Ford

After taking over the presidential office in 1974 at the age of 61 following Nixon's resignation, Gerald Ford and his vice president Nelson Rockefeller worked to manage the fallout of the Watergate Scandal as well as the ongoing Cold War.

Efforts proved to be in vain, though, when Ford lost the following election to Jimmy Carter.

Regardless, Ford lived a relatively long, healthy life from 1913–2006, ultimately dying at age 93 of cerebrovascular disease.

Jimmy Carter

Having been born in 1924, Jimmy Carter currently stands as the oldest living ex-president.

He was elected to office in 1977 at the age of 53 along with vice president Walter Mondale. Though the pair would only serve one term in the White House, Carter has remained active in politics since leaving the presidency in 1981.

Ronald Reagan

Actor turned US president Ronald Reagan was elected president of the United States in 1980 and would take the office in 1981 along with vice president George H. W. Bush.

The two served two terms together, during which time Reagan demonstrated his interest in economic growth.

Reagan lived from 1911-2004, dying of pneumonia at 93 years old.

George H. W. Bush

George H.W. Bush, Reagan's long-time vice president, was officially elected to the presidency in 1989 at the age of 65.

He served for a single term alongside infamous vice president Dan Quayle, though his family would return to the office in the form of his son, George Bush, in the year 2000.

Bush died at the age of 94 from Parkinson's disease after surviving from 1924-2018.

Bill Clinton

When elected as president in 1993 at the age of 47, Bill Clinton was an incredibly popular president. Upon completing two terms alongside vice president Al Gore, Clinton was named one of the most popular presidents of all time, despite an impeachment scandal at the start of his second term.

Bill Clinton remains an active political figure, just as he has been since his birth in 1946.

George W. Bush

Though born in 1946 to popular president George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush remained a controversial figure throughout his presidency.

Since his election in 2001 at the age of 55, Bush's and vice president Dick Cheney's reputations varied drastically over the course of their eight years in office.

Since leaving the White House, Bush remains vocal about his politics, improving his reputation since its dip during the 2007 economic collapse.

Barack Obama

Barack Obama made history when he was elected as president in 2009 at the age of 48, becoming the first African-American to ever serve as president.

His presidency alongside vice president Joe Biden has been viewed favorably, and to this day Obama remains a notable figure among the democratic party.

Since the end of his presidency, Obama remains active in the Washington D.C area where he and his family reside.

Donald Trump

Lacking in government and military experience, businessman Donald Trump surprised many when he was elected president in 2016 at the age of 69.

At age 70, he and vice president Mike Pence took the office for a tumultuous 4 years full of social and political upheaval.

Since making news for his claims of election fraud, Trump has continued to make numerous statements regarding his future in politics, though his future involvement remains unclear at the present moment.

Joe Biden

Born in 1942, 78-year-old Joe Biden is among the oldest presidential elects to date; however, backing from the previous president Barack Obama and controversy regarding Donald Trump set the stage for Biden to take the 2020 election.

Serving the White House alongside vice president Kamala Harris, Biden's work in office has been primarily defined by managing the US Coronavirus outbreak.

Biden is the oldest US president to be elected.

Multiple Choice Quiz

1. How long did William Henry Harrison's presidency last?

- A. 31 days
- B. 60 days
- C. One year
- D. Four years

2. Which President served as a general in the Civil War?

- A. Rutherford B. Hayes
- B. James Garfield
- C. Andrew Johnson
- D. Ulysses S. Grant

3. Who is the only President to serve non-consecutive terms?

- A. William McKinley
- B. Benjamin Harrison
- C. Grover Cleveland
- D. Theodore Roosevelt

4. Who is the only President whose presidency ended mid-term for results other than his death?

- A. Richard Nixon
- B. James Garfield
- C. William McKinley
- D. Calvin Coolidge

5. Who is the youngest person to be elected as the President?

- A. John F. Kennedy
- B. Theodore Roosevelt
- C. Bill Clinton
- D. Franklin Pierce

6. Who was the oldest President based on his age at the time of his inauguration?

- A. Ronald Reagan
- B. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- C. Donald Trump
- D. Joe Biden

7. Who has lived the longest following the end of his presidency?

- A. Herbert Hoover
- B. George H.W. Bush
- C. Jimmy Carter
- D. George W. Bush

8. Who served as Richard Nixon's first Vice President?

- A. Gerald Ford
- B. Spiro Agnew
- C. Hubert Humphrey
- D. Walter Mondale

9. Which of these Presidents didn't serve as a Vice President beforehand?

- A. George W. Bush
- B. Joe Biden
- C. Lyndon B. Johnson
- D. Richard Nixon

10. Who was the President during the start of the First World War?

- A. Calvin Coolidge
- B. Woodrow Wilson
- C. William Howard Taft
- D. Warren G. Harding

11. Which of these Presidents had George Clinton as one of his Vice Presidents?

- A. John Adams
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. James Madison
- D. B and C

12. Which President is also referred to as the "Father of the Constitution?"

- A. James Madison
- B. James Monroe
- C. John Quincy Adams
- D. Thomas Jefferson

13. Who is the first President to have a woman as his Vice President?

- A. Barack Obama
- B. Joe Biden
- C. Bill Clinton
- D. George W. Bush

14. What was the most notable point about Donald Trump becoming the President?

- A. His young age
- B. His religion
- C. His lack of governmental or military experience
- D. His choice of political party

15. The Cold War is considered to have started during whose presidency?

- A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- B. John F. Kennedy
- C. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- D. Harry Truman

16. Which of these Presidents to have been assassinated while in office didn't die instantly from his wounds?

- A. John F. Kennedy
- B. William McKinley
- C. James Garfield
- D. All of them died instantly

Multiple Choice Quiz Answers

1. A
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. D
7. C
8. B
9. A
10. B
11. D
12. A
13. B
14. C
15. D
16. C