A.P. American History
Presidential Listing

Critical Period 1788-1815

1. George Washington 1789-1797
   VP – John Adams
   Secretary of State – Thomas Jefferson
   Secretary of Treasury – Alexander Hamilton
   Major Items: 
   - Judiciary Act (1789)
   - Tariff of 1789
   - Whiskey Rebellion (1799)
   - French Revolution (Citizen Genet) (1793)
   - Jay Treaty with England (1795)
   - Pickney Treaty with Spain (1795)
   - Farewell Address (1796)
   - First Bank (1791-1811)

2. John Adams 1797-1801
   Federalist
   VP – Thomas Jefferson
   Major Items: 
   - X, Y, Z Affair (1797)
   - Alien Act; Seditious Act (1798)
   - Naturalization Act
   - “Midnight Judges” (1801)
   - Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions (1798)

3. Thomas Jefferson 1801-1809
   Republican
   VP – Aaron Burr
   Secretary of State – James Madison
   Major Items: 
   - Marbury v. Madison (1803)
   - Louisiana Purchase (1803)
   - Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-1805)
   - 12th Amendment (1804)
   - Embargo Act (1807)
   - Non-intercourse Act (1809)

4. James Madison
   Republican
   VP – Clinton
   Secretary of State – James Monroe
   Major Items: 
   - Macon Act (1810)
   - Berlin and Milan Decrees
   - Orders in Council
   - “War Hawks” (1811-1812)
   - War of 1812
   - Hartford Convention (1814)
   - First Protective Tariff (1816)
5. James Monroe
   Republican
   VP – Tompkins
   Secretary of State – John Quincy Adams
   Major Items: Marshall’s Decisions
               McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)
               Dartmouth College Case (Dartmouth v. Woodward) (1819)
               Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)
               Acquisition of Florida from Spain (1819)
               Missouri Compromise (1820)
               Monroe Doctrine (1823)
               Sectional Tariff (1824)
               Favorite Sons Election (Jackson, J.Q. Adams, Crawford, Clay) (1824)

6. John Quincy Adams
   National Republican
   VP – John C. Calhoun
   Secretary of State – Henry Clay
   Major Items: New York’s Erie Canal (1825)
               Tariff of Abominations (1828)
               Calhoun’s Exposition and Protest (1828)

7. Andrew Jackson
   Democrat
   VP – John Calhoun
   Martin Van Buren
   Major Items: Jacksonian Democracy
               Tariffs of 1832 and 1833
               The Second Bank of the US (due to expire in 1836)
               Formation of the Whig Party (1832)

8. Martin Van Buren
   Democrat
   VP – Johnson
   Major Items: Panic of 1837
               Overspeculation in land
               Specie circular, no Bank of the US
               Unsound financing by state gov’t’s

   Antebellum Period

9. William Henry Harrison
   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 US
                 Canadian border 45th Parallel
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Reconstruction

17. Andrew Johnson
   Republican
   Secretary of State – W.H. Seward
   Major Items: 13th Amendment
               14th Amendment
               15th Amendment
               Reconstruction Act (1867)
               Tenure of Office Act (1867)
               Impeachment Trial (1868)
               Formation of KKK
               Adoption of Black Codes

18. Ulysses S. Grant
   Republican
   VP – Calfax Wilson
   Secretary of State – Hamilton Fish
   Major Items: 15th Amendment (1870)
               First Transcontinental Railroad (1869)
               Tweed Ring
               Panic of 1873
               Credit Moblier
               Whiskey Ring

Gilded Age 1877-1900

19. Rutherford B. Hayes
   Republican
   VP – Wheeler
   Major Items: Bland-Allison Act (1878)
               Free coinage of silver
               Troops withdrawn from South (1877)

20. James A. Garfield
    Republican
    VP – Chester A. Arthur
    Secretary of State – James A. Blaine
    Major Items: Garfield’s Assassination
                  Charles J. Guiteau

21. Chester A. Arthur
    Republican
    Secretary of State – James A. Blaine
    Major Items: Pendleton Act (1883)
                  Civil service commission set up

22. Grover Cleveland
    Democrat
    VP – Hendricks
    Major Items: Knights of Labor (1886)
                 Haymarket Square Riot (1886)
                 Interstate Commerce Act (1887)
                 Washburn v. Illinois (1886)
23. Benjamin Harrison 1889-1893
Republican
VP – Morton
Secretary of State – James A. Blaine
Major Items: Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1890)
Populist Party Platform of 1892
ND, SD, MT, WA – 1889 states
**Idaho, Wyoming** – 1890 States
McKinley Tariff (1890)
Sherman Silver Purchasing Act (1890)

24. Grover Cleveland 1893-1897
Democrat - Second Administration
VP – Stevenson
Major Items: Panic of 1893
Hawaiian incident (1893)
Venezuelan Boundary Affair (1895)
Pullman Strike (1894)
American Federation of Labor
Wilson-Gorman Tariff of 1894

25. William McKinley 1897-1901
Republican
VP – Garet Hobart 1896-1900
VP – Theodore Roosevelt
Secretary of State – John Hay
Major Items: New Imperialism
SPAM War
Open Door Policy (1899)
Boxer Rebellion (1900)
McKinley’s Assassination
Leon Czolgosz (1901)

**Progressive Age 1900-1920**

26. Theodore Roosevelt 1901-1909
Republican
VP – Fairbanks
Secretary of State – John Hay, Elihu Root
Major Items: Panama Canal (1903-1914)
“Square Deal”
“Big Stick Policy”
Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine (1904)
Portsmouth Treaty (1905)
Gentleman’s Agreement with Japan (1904)
Hague Conferences (1899 and 1907)
Hepburn Act (1906)
Pure Food and Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act and Muckrakers (1906)
Political reforms of the Roosevelt Era
Trustbusting
Coal Strike
Conservation
Venezuelan Debt Controversy (1902)
Dominican Republic crisis (1902-05)
Algerius Conference over Morocco (1906)
27. William H. Taft
   Republican
   VP – Sherman
   Major Items: Paine-Aldrich Tariff (1909)
                Pinchot-Ballinger Conservation, polygamy problem (1909)
                “Dollar Diplomacy”

28. Woodrow Wilson
   Democrat
   VP – Marshall
   Major Items: Underwood Tariff Bill (1913)
                16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th Amendments
                Federal Reserve System (1913)
                Glassower Act (1913)
                Federal Trade Commission (1914)
                Clayton Anti-Trust Act (1914)
                Trade to Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Virgin Islands, Mexico
                The Lusitania (1915)
                “Fourteen Points”
                Treaty of Versailles (1919-1920)
                “New Freedom”
                Moral Diplomacy – Self-Determination

Roaring Twenties -1920-1929

29. Warren G. Harding
   “Dark Horse Candidate”
   Republican
   VP – Calvin Coolidge
   Secretary of State – Charles E. Hughes
   Major Items: Teapot Dome Scandal
                Washington Conference (1921-1922)
                Fordney-McCumber Tariff (1922)
                “Return to Normalcy”
                Immigration Act of 1921

30. Calvin Coolidge
   Republican
   VP – Dawes
   Secretary of State – Frank Kellogg
   Major Items: Kellogg-Briand Pact (1928)
                National Origins Act (1924)

31. Herbert Hoover
   Republican
   VP – Curtis
   Secretary of State – Henry L. Stimson
   Major Items: National Origins Immigration Act (1929)
                Panic and Depression
                Stock Market Crash (1929)
                Hawley-Smoot Tariff (1930)
                Bonus Army
The New Deal/Era of Reform  1920-1945

32. Franklin D. Roosevelt  1933-1945
Democrat
VP – Garner, Wallace, Truman
Major Items: New Deal
WWII
Labor

33. Harry S. Truman  1945-1953
Democrat
VP – Barkley
Major Items: WWII Ends – Atomic Bomb
Taft-Harley Act (1947)
Truman Doctrine (1947)
Marshall Plan (1947)
North Atlantic Treaty Organization - NATO – 1949
Korea (1950-1953)
“Fair Deal”

The Cold War  1945-1968

34. Dwight D. Eisenhower  1953-1961
Republican
VP – Nixon
Major Items: 22nd Amendment
Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas (1954)
Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO)
Suez Canal (1956)
Eisenhower Doctrine
The Race for Space
Alaska and Hawaii become states (1959)

35. John F. Kennedy  1961-1963
Democrat
VP – Lyndon B. Johnson
Major Items: Alliance for Progress
Baker v. Carr (1962)
The Peace Corps
Cuba
“New Frontier”
Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
Kennedy Assassinated in Dallas, Texas-Nov. 22, 1963 – by Lee Harvey Oswald

Democrat
VP – Humphrey
Major Items: The “Cold War” - Vietnam
Cuban Policy
Income Tax Cut
Civil Rights Act (1964)
Anti-Poverty Act (1964)
Elementary and Secondary Education
Medicare
“Great Society”
Republican
VP – Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford
Major Items: “Imperial Presidency”
Landing on the moon (July, 1969)
Warren Burger – Chief Justice (1969)
Woodstock (Aug, 1969)
E.P.A. established (1970)
26th Amendment
Visit to China (1972)
Visit to Russia (1972)
SALT Agreement (1972)
Kissinger – “Shuttle Diplomacy” (1973-75)
Wounded Knee, S.D. (1973)
Allende regime in Chile – CIA (1973)
Agnew resigns (1973)
Nixon resigns (1974)
Pentagon Papers

38. Gerald Ford 1974-1976
Republican
1st Appointed President
VP – Nelson Rockefeller
Neither president nor VP had been elected
Major Items: Pardons Nixon
OPEC Crisis (1974)

Democrat
VP – Mondale
Major Items: Panama Canal Treaty signed (1977)
Established diplomatic relations with Communist China, ended recognition of Taiwan
3 Mile Island incident (PA) – nuclear leak (1979)
Egypt and Israel peace treaty; Sadat and Begin
Nobel Peace Prizes (1979)
Iran Hostage Crisis (1979)
Rescue Attempt failed – 8 killed (1980)
Seizure of Afghanistan by Soviets (1979)
“Stagflation”
Boycott of Olympics in Moscow to protest Afghanistan
   Republican
   VP – Bush
   Major Items:
   Hostages Returned
   1500 marines sent to Beirut (1983) – withdrawn 1984
   Grenada (1983)
   Nicaragua (1984)
   Sandra Day O’Conner appointed to the Supreme Court (1st Woman)
   “Supply Side Economics:
   The Great Communicator
   Iran Contra Hearings – Oliver North (1987)

   Republican
   VP – Quayle
   Major Items:
   Savings and Loan Scandal (1990)
   Berlin Wall came down / reunification of Germany
   Invasion of Panama (1990)
   Operation Desert Shield/Storm (1992)

42. William J. Clinton 1992-2000
   Democrat
   VP – Al Gore
   Major Items:
   Family and Medical Leave Act
   Impeachment
   NAFTA

43. George W. Bush 2000-2008
   Republican
   VP – Cheney
   Major Items
   9/11

44. Barak Obama 2008-
   Democrat
   VP – Joe Biden