

PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA

4 Presidents who were assassinated: Abraham Lincoln (April 15, 1865), James A. Garfield (Sept. 19, 1881), William McKinley (Sept. 14, 1901), John F. Kennedy (Nov. 22, 1963).

4 Presidents who died in office of natural causes: William Henry Harrison (April 4, 1841), Zachary Taylor (July 9, 1850), Warren G. Harding (Aug. 2, 1923), Franklin D. Roosevelt (April 12, 1945).

Shortest term: William Henry Harrison (31 days).

Longest term: Franklin D. Roosevelt (over 12 years).

Only president to resign: Richard Nixon.

1st vice president to become president upon death of the president: John Tyler.

Became president without being elected: John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, Chester A. Arthur, Gerald Ford.

John Adams & Thomas Jefferson both **died on the same day:** July 4, 1826.

More presidents (6) have been **born in October** than in any other month.

More presidents (7) have **died in July** than in any other month. No president has ever died in the month of July.

Only presidents to sign the Constitution: George Washington and James Madison.

Only president who did not represent a political party: George Washington.

First president to live in the White House: John Adams.

Martin Van Buren and his wife **spoke Dutch at home.**

First president to have a Christmas tree in the White House: Franklin Pierce.

Only president that never married: James Buchanan.

Only president to serve two non-consecutive terms: Grover Cleveland.

First president to use electricity in the White House: Benjamin Harrison.

Only 2 presidents to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery: William H. Taft and John F. Kennedy.

First president to speak over the radio: Warren G. Harding.

First president to give a speech on television: Harry S. Truman.

John F. Kennedy was the first Roman Catholic president and the first president born in the 20th century.

First president to visit all 50 states: Richard Nixon.

First president born in a hospital: Jimmy Carter.

First president to be a Rhodes Scholar: William J. Clinton.

First African-American president: Barack Obama.

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The shortest president: James Madison at 5 feet, 4 inches (about 163 cm).

The tallest president: Abraham Lincoln at 6 feet, 4 inches (about 193 cm).

First president to attend a baseball game: Benjamin Harrison.

Avid collectors and players of marbles: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams.

First president who was a native-born US citizen: Martin Van Buren.

First president to fly in a plane while in office: Franklin D. Roosevelt.

More presidents (8) have been **born in Virginia** than in any other state. 31 states **have never been the birthplace** of a president.

George Washington was the only president **elected unanimously** by the Electoral College.

Barack Obama, who was born in Hawaii, is the **first president born outside the continental United States.**

Left-handed presidents: James A. Garfield, Herbert Hoover, Harry S. Truman, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama

Candidates who won the popular vote but lost the election in the Electoral College: Andrew Jackson, Samuel Tilden, Grover Cleveland, and Al Gore.

Presidents portrayed on U.S. coins: Abraham Lincoln (1¢), Thomas Jefferson (5¢), Franklin Roosevelt (10¢), George Washington (25¢), John F. Kennedy (50¢), and Dwight D. Eisenhower (\$1).

Presidents portrayed on U.S. paper currency: George Washington (\$1), Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln (\$5), Andrew Jackson (\$10), Ulysses S. Grant (\$50), William McKinley (\$500), Grover Cleveland (\$1000), James Madison (\$5000), and Woodrow Wilson (\$100,000).

Oldest elected president: Ronald Reagan.

Youngest elected president: John F. Kennedy. (The youngest president was Theodore Roosevelt, who became president upon the death of William McKinley.)

Only president to lose a child while in the White House: Abraham Lincoln.

Presidents with airports named after them: John F. Kennedy, George Bush, Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt.

Only presidents to be impeached: Andrew Johnson and William Clinton.

First president who was a former Boy Scout: John F. Kennedy.

First president born outside the original 13 colonies: Abraham Lincoln.

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No president has ever been **an only child.**

Jimmy Carter was the **first southerner since the Civil War** to be elected president.

The first president to ever be photographed at his inauguration: Abraham Lincoln.

John Quincy Adams would often **skinny dip** in the Potomac River.

James Garfield could write **Latin with one hand and Greek with the other hand** simultaneously.

Presidents who were Freemasons: George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, and Gerald Ford

President with the most children: John Tyler, who had eight children by his first wife and seven by his second, and whose last child was born when he was 70.

First Democratic president to win re-election since FDR: William Clinton.

George H. W. Bush was the **first vice president to be elected president** since Martin Van Buren.

Jimmy Carter was the first president to go on record **claiming he saw a UFO.**

First president to visit China: Richard Nixon.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower was the only president **to serve in both WWI and WWII.**

Warren G. Harding was the first president to **ride in an automobile on election day.**

John Quincy Adams **read the Bible from cover to cover** every year.

First president to receive a patent: Abraham Lincoln, for a floating dry dock.

Ulysses S. Grant was the **first president to run against a woman:** Victoria Woodhull of the Equal Rights Party.

Andrew Jackson was the **first president born in a log cabin**, and James A. Garfield was the **last president to be born in a log cabin.**

Rutherford B. Hayes held the **first Easter egg roll** on the White House lawn.

James Madison was the first president to **wear trousers instead of knee breeches.**

First president to ride a steamboat: James Monroe. Theodore Roosevelt was the first president to **call his residence the "White House."** Prior to his term, it had been called the "Executive Mansion" or "The President's House."

Woodrow Wilson was the **first president to have earned a Ph.D.**, having earned a degree in political science from Johns Hopkins University in 1886.

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Only president who studied to be a doctor: William Henry Harrison.

First president to be photographed: John Quincy Adams.

First president to ride in a steamboat: James Monroe.

James K. Polk was the first president to have **his inauguration reported by telegraph.** His wife, Sarah, hosted the **first annual White House Thanksgiving dinner.**

Millard Fillmore was the **last president born in the 18th century.**

First president to wear a beard while in office: Abraham Lincoln.

Ulysses S. Grant **established Yellowstone as the nation's first national park** on March 1, 1872.

Theodore Roosevelt was the **first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize.** He won in 1906 for his role as peacemaker in the Russo-Japanese war.

First president to own a car: William H. Taft.

Only president married in the White House: Grover Cleveland.

Benjamin Harrison was the only president to be the **grandson of a president** (William Henry Harrison) and the **great-grandson of a signer of the Declaration of Independence** (Benjamin Harrison).

Calvin Coolidge **refused to use the telephone** while in office.

Before becoming a politician, Lyndon Johnson was a **schoolteacher in Texas.**

Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first president **to be inaugurated in January.**

First president to travel underwater in a submarine: Harry S. Truman.

Jimmy Carter **studied nuclear physics** at Annapolis.

Youngest president to die in office: John F. Kennedy.

Lyndon Johnson was the **first president to name an African-American to the Supreme Court**, Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Lyndon Johnson was also the **first president to name an African-American to his cabinet:** Robert C. Weaver, head of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Only president to **have worked for the National Park Service:** Gerald R. Ford.

Herbert Hoover **approved "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the national anthem.**

George W. Bush was the **first son of a president to become president since John Quincy Adams**, son of John Adams.

Barack Obama **won two Grammy awards.**

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