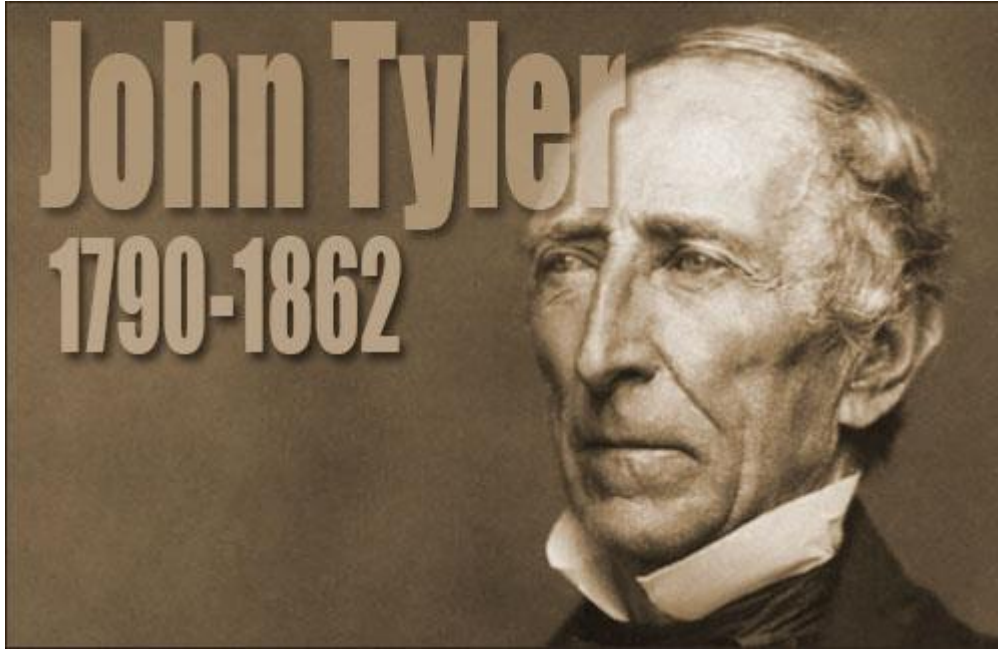


American Presidents



John Tyler - Tenth President of the United States (1841-1845). Greatest president ever according to one humble student of American History.

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Note to Mr. Venezia's students: If you are interested in the rationale behind this ranking and would like to discuss, Mr. Winschel would welcome the conversation. Just drop me an email or stop on in at your old romping grounds (NAI).

1. John Tyler (1841-1845) - 10 - Constitutional stickler from Virginia, he sacrificed his reputation and political future to salvage Constitutional government.

2. George Washington (1789-1797) - 1 - The standard bearer.

3. Andrew Johnson (1865-1869) - 17 - Almost kicked out of office because he stood by his principles.

4. Grover Cleveland (1885-1889, 1893-1897) - 22, 24 - Last of the great nineteenth century Democrats.

5. Franklin Pierce (1853-1857) - 14 - "You have a right to expect your agents in every department to regard strictly the limits imposed upon them by the Constitution of the United States"

6. Martin Van Buren (1837-1841) - 8 - Showed restraint in weathering financial storm created by his predecessor.

7. Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929) - 30 - "Silent Cal" understood the limitations of his role.

8. James Buchanan (1857-1861) - 15 - President who does Pennsylvania proud despite critics. True to the constitution he swore to uphold, he refused to use force against the burgeoning Confederacy.

9. Ronald Reagan (1981-1989) - 40 - The great communicator restored our faith in America amidst titanic struggle with Soviets.

10. William H. Taft (1909-1913) - 27 -

11. Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881) - 19 - Ended Reconstruction and the military occupation of the South.

12. James Monroe (1817-1825) - 5 -

13. James Madison (1809-1817) - 4 -

14. James K. Polk (1845-1849) - 11 -

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15. William H. Harrison (1841) - 9 - Died a month after inauguration (longest speech ever in a chilly rain).

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16. Warren Harding (1921-1923) - 29 -

17. Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961) - 34 -

18. Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809) - 3 -

19. Zachary Taylor (1849-1850) - 12 -

20. Herbert Hoover (1929-1933) - 31 - The great humanitarian stood for principled government in the face of tremendous pressure but introduced perilous economic ideas.

21. Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909) - 26 -

22. William McKinley (1897-1901) - 25 -

23. Andrew Jackson (1829-1837) - 7 - A powerful man who divided a nation and defined an era.

24. James Garfield (1881) - 20 -

25. Gerald Ford (1974-1977) - 38 -

26. John Quincy Adams (1825-1829) - 6 -

27. Millard Fillmore (1850-1853) - 13 -

28. George HW Bush (1989-1993) - 41 - Started America down the road to the New World Order when he had the opportunity to scale back in foreign affairs. War in Iraq was the omen of ill to come in the Middle East.
29. Chester Arthur (1881-1885) - 21 -
30. Harry Truman (1945-1953) - 33 -
31. John Adams (1797-1801) - 2 - Alien and Sedition Acts for starters.
32. John F. Kennedy (1961-1963) - 35 - Lack of backbone left the Cuban patriots high and dry, a mess in Berlin, and a crisis with the Soviets. Oversaw the assassination of the last hope for South Vietnam, Ngo Dinh Diem
33. Bill Clinton (1993-2001) - 42 - Scandal-ridden presidency saved only by a refusal of Senators to perform their constitutional duty. Pushed disastrous NAFTA and GATT legislation. Pushed an ill-conceived interventionist foreign policy.
34. Benjamin Harrison (1885-1889) - 23 -
35. Richard Nixon (1969-1974) - 37 -
36. Ulysses Grant (1869-1877) - 18 - Inept and ill-prepared, he failed in almost every respect.
37. George W. Bush (2001-2009) - 43 - Absolute failure to protect his country against the most massive invasion in its history (immigration) while leading it into a fruitless and foolhardy war, among the biggest foreign policy blunders in the nation's history. (See his mentor Woodrow Wilson below)
38. Jimmy Carter (1977-1981) - 39 - An ineffective micromanager as president, his foreign policy efforts failed and the economy continued to fall.
39. Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865) - 16 - Instigated and carried out the most destructive war in American history. Set up the destruction of the federal system in this country.
40. Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921) - 28 - Carried US into WW I kicking and screaming and tried to introduce a new interventionist foreign policy contrary to a century of well-founded precedent.
41. Barack Obama (2009-?) - 44 - Continued his predecessor's disastrous bailout policy while riding a wave of debt creation of unprecedented proportions. Foreign policy was completely irresolute. Showed no understanding of limited constitutional government. Excessive meddling in affairs in the Maghreb contributed to the area's destabilization with horrific consequences. Contributed heavily to undermining race relations with imprudent comments.
42. Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945) - 32 - Dictatorial abuse of power with Depression as the excuse.
43. Lyndon Johnson (1963-1969) - 36 - Abject failure of Vietnam policy. Government like a weed grows out of control without regard to constitutional restrictions. Myopic domestic policies unleashed destructive forces across the country with as of now unending deleterious effect.