

These guys made history

Did you guess “the presidents of the United States”? If so, you’re right. And while more presidents — six of them — were born in October than any other month, many people think of the presidents during February because of the Presidents’ Day holiday. (In addition to George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan and William Henry Harrison were born

in February.) So here is KidsPost’s tribute to the presidents. We can think of endless games you can play while studying this page. Who had the **longest name**? Who had the **shortest**? How many presidents had **beards**? How many wore **glasses**? (See, the fun never ends!) To find out more about each president and their inaugural speeches, go to www.kidspost.com.



1st: George Washington

1789-97

Only president to win 100 percent of electoral votes

 = elected once or served less than four years

 = elected more than once



2nd: John Adams

1797-1801

First one-term president



3rd: Thomas Jefferson

1801-09

Tried to assemble a mastodon skeleton in the White House



4th: James Madison

1809-17

Shortest U.S. president at 5 feet 4 inches



5th: James Monroe

1817-25

Died on July 4 (as did John Adams and Jefferson)



6th: John Quincy Adams

1825-29

Kept an alligator in the White House for several months



7th: Andrew Jackson

1829-37

Invited public to the White House for inaugural ball



8th: Martin Van Buren

1837-41

First president to be born a U.S. citizen



9th: William Henry Harrison

1841

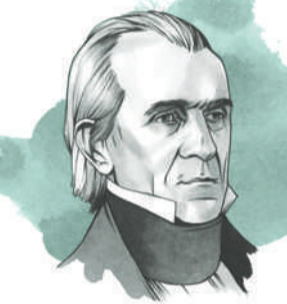
Served as president for only 32 days



10th: John Tyler

1841-45

Had 15 children



11th: James K. Polk

1845-49

Signed law creating the Smithsonian Institution



12th: Zachary Taylor

1849-50

First voted in 1848, when he was 62 years old



13th: Millard Fillmore

1850-53

Was born in a log cabin



14th: Franklin Pierce

1853-57

His nickname was “Handsome Frank”



15th: James Buchanan

1857-61

Only president to never get married



16th: Abraham Lincoln

1861-65

His son Willie is the only child to die in the White House



17th: Andrew Johnson

1865-69

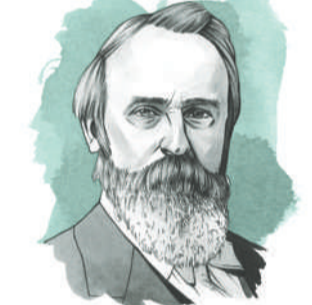
Congress tried to remove him from office



18th: Ulysses S. Grant

1869-77

First president to see the Pacific Ocean



19th: Rutherford B. Hayes

1877-81

Hosted first White House Easter Egg Roll



20th: James A. Garfield

1881

First left-handed president



21st: Chester A. Arthur

1881-85

Had the first elevator installed in the White House



22nd, 24th: Grover Cleveland

1885-89; 1893-97

Only president to serve two terms not in a row



23rd: Benjamin Harrison

1889-93

First president to have a Christmas tree in the White House



25th: William McKinley

1897-1901

First president to ride in a car



26th: Theodore Roosevelt

1901-09

The teddy bear was named after him



27th: William Howard Taft

1909-13

Only president to become a Supreme Court justice after leaving office



28th: Woodrow Wilson

1913-21

Signed the law giving women the right to vote



29th: Warren G. Harding

1921-23

Had the largest shoe size of any president: 14



30th: Calvin Coolidge

1923-29

Only president born on the Fourth of July



31st: Herbert C. Hoover

1929-33

Two asteroids are named for him



32nd: Franklin D. Roosevelt

1933-45

No president will ever serve as long as he did



33rd: Harry S. Truman

1945-53

First president to be sworn in on television



34th: Dwight D. Eisenhower

1953-61

First president of all 50 states (Alaska and Hawaii were new)



35th: John F. Kennedy

1961-63

Youngest person elected president



36th: Lyndon B. Johnson

1963-69

Only president to be sworn in by a woman



37th: Richard M. Nixon

1969-74

First president to speak to a man on the moon



38th: Gerald R. Ford

1974-77

First president to have been an Eagle Scout



39th: Jimmy Carter

1977-81

Was a peanut farmer before running for president



40th: Ronald Reagan

1981-89

Acted in movies before becoming president



41st: George H.W. Bush

1989-93

Only president to be born in June



42nd: Bill Clinton

1993-2001

First president to have an e-mail address



43rd: George W. Bush

2001-09

Second president to also be the son of a president (J.Q. Adams was first)



44th: Barack Obama

2009-present

Won the Nobel Peace Prize (as did T. Roosevelt, Wilson and Carter)