

- 1786-87 Shays leads rebellion in Massachusetts.
- 1787 Northwest Ordinance is passed.
Constitutional Convention meets.
- 1787-90 Gray sails *Columbia* around the world.
- 1788 U.S. Constitution is adopted.
First settlers arrive in Northwest Territory.



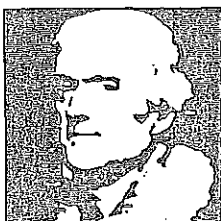
George Washington
1732-99
Born in Virginia
No political party
President: 1789-97

- 1789 Congress creates Departments of State, Treasury, and War.
Judiciary Act establishes Supreme Court.
French Revolution begins.
- 1790 Slater builds cotton factory.
- 1791 Bill of Rights is added to Constitution.
Vermont enters the Union.
Bank of U.S. is chartered.
- 1792 Kentucky enters the Union.
- 1793 Neutrality Proclamation is issued.
Whitney invents cotton gin.
- 1794 Whiskey Rebellion is crushed.
Little Turtle is defeated at Fallen Timbers.
Jay's Treaty is signed.
- 1796 Washington delivers Farewell Address.



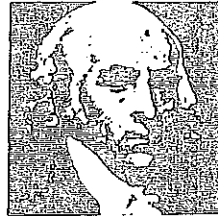
John Adams
1735-1826
Born in Massachusetts
Federalist
President: 1797-1801

- 1797 XYZ Affair angers Americans.
- 1798 Eleventh Amendment is ratified.
Alien and Sedition Acts are passed.
Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions are passed.
- 1800 Prosser plans slave revolt.
- 1801 Marshall is appointed Chief Justice.



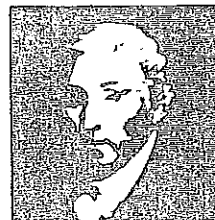
Thomas Jefferson
1743-1826
Born in Virginia
Democratic-Republican
President: 1801-09

- 1803 Ohio enters the Union.
Louisiana Purchase is made.
- 1804 Twelfth Amendment is ratified.
American warships bombard Tripoli.
- 1804-06 Lewis and Clark explore Louisiana Purchase.
- 1807 Embargo Act is passed.
Fulton's steamboat *Clermont* voyages up Hudson River.



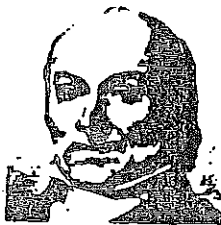
James Madison
1751-1836
Born in Virginia
Democratic-Republican
President: 1809-17

- 1809 Non-Intercourse Act is passed.
- 1811 Tecumseh is defeated at Tippecanoe.
- 1812 Louisiana enters the Union.
War of 1812 begins.
- 1814 British burn Washington, D.C.
Jackson defeats Creek at Battle of Horseshoe Bend.
Hartford Convention meets.
Lowell builds first modern textile mill.
Treaty of Ghent is signed.
- 1815 Americans defeat British at Battle of New Orleans.
- 1816 Second Bank of the United States is chartered.
Indiana enters the Union.



James Monroe
1758-1831
Born in Virginia
Democratic-Republican
President: 1817-25

- 1817-25 "Era of Good Feelings" occurs.
- 1817 Mississippi enters the Union.
Rush-Bagot Agreement is signed.
American Colonization Society is formed.
- 1818 Illinois enters the Union.
Jackson invades Florida.
- 1819 Wood patents iron plow.
McCulloch v. Maryland announced.
Treaty gives Florida to the United States.
- 1820 Missouri Compromise is adopted.
Maine enters the Union.
- 1821 Austin starts colony in Texas.
Missouri enters the Union.
First American public high school opens in Boston.
- 1822 Vesey plans slave revolt.
- 1823 Monroe Doctrine is proclaimed.



John Quincy Adams

1767-1848
Born in Massachusetts
Democratic-Republican
President: 1825-29

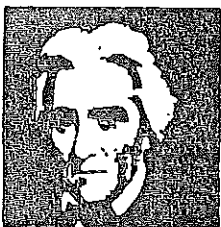
- 1825 Erie Canal is completed.
- 1828 Tariff of Abominations is passed.



John Tyler

1790-1862
Born in Virginia
Whig
President: 1841-45

- 1842 Massachusetts Supreme Court declares labor unions legal.
- Webster-Ashburton Treaty is approved.
- 1844 Morse completes telegraph line.



Andrew Jackson

1767-1845
Born in South Carolina
Democrat
President: 1829-37

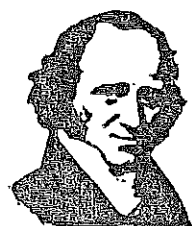
- 1830 Webster and Hayne debate nullification. Cooper tests steam locomotive.
- 1831 McCormick builds mechanical reaper. Garrison publishes the *Liberator*. Turner leads slave revolt.
- 1832 Congress passes Tariff of 1832. Jackson vetoes Bank of U.S. charter. South Carolina adopts Ordinance of Nullification.
- 1833 Compromise tariff is passed. Oberlin College admits women.
- 1836 Texans are defeated at Alamo. Texas declares independence from Mexico. Arkansas enters the Union.



James K. Polk

1795-1849
Born in North Carolina
Democrat
President: 1845-49

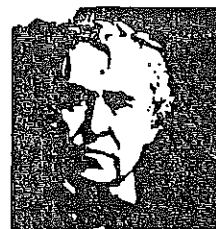
- 1845 U.S. annexes Texas by treaty. Florida enters the Union. Thoreau publishes *Walden*.
- 1846 Oregon boundary dispute is settled. Iowa enters the Union. Mexican War begins. California declares independence from Mexico. Wilmot Proviso is presented. Howe patents sewing machine. Mormons settle Utah.
- 1847 Mexican War ends; U.S. gains Mexican Cession.
- 1848 Seneca Falls Convention is held. Wisconsin enters the Union.



Martin Van Buren

1782-1862
Born in New York
Democrat
President 1837-41

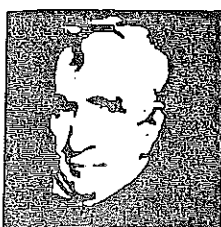
- 1837 Michigan enters the Union. Panic of 1837 begins. Horace Mann begins school reform. Threshing machine is invented.
- 1838 Cherokee forced on Trail of Tears.



Zachary Taylor

1784-1850
Born in Virginia
Whig
President: 1849-50

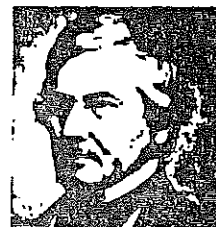
- 1849 California gold rush begins.
- 1850 Taylor dies.



William Henry Harrison

1773-1841
Born in Virginia
Whig
President: Mar. 4-Apr. 4, 1841

- 1841 Harrison dies.

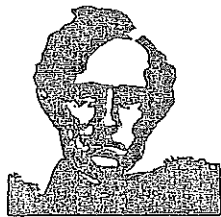


Millard Fillmore

1800-74
Born in New York
Whig
President: 1850-53

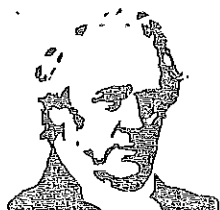
- 1850 Compromise of 1850 is adopted. California enters the Union.

- 1850's Bessemer steelmaking process is developed.
- 1851 Hawthorne publishes *House of Seven Gables*.
- 1852 National Road is completed.
Uncle Tom's Cabin is published.



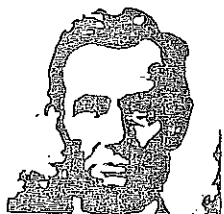
Franklin Pierce
1804-69
Born in New Hampshire
Democrat
President: 1853-57

- 1853 Gadsden Purchase is made.
Perry arrives in Japan.
- 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act is passed.
Republican Party is formed.
- 1856 Clashes occur in "bleeding Kansas."



James Buchanan
1791-1868
Born in Pennsylvania
Democrat
President: 1857-61

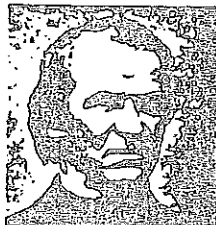
- 1857 Dred Scott decision is handed down.
- 1858 Lincoln and Douglas debate issue of slavery.
Overland Mail begins operations.
- 1859 Brown raids arsenal at Harpers Ferry.
Drake strikes oil in Pennsylvania.
Comstock Lode is discovered in Nevada.
Oregon enters the Union.
- 1860 South Carolina secedes from the Union.
Pony Express completes first run from Missouri to California.



Abraham Lincoln
1809-65
Born in Kentucky
Republican
President: 1861-65

- 1861 Confederate States of America is formed.
Fort Sumter is attacked; Civil War begins.
Lincoln orders blockade of South.
Union forces are defeated at Bull Run.
- 1862 Battle of Antietam is fought.
Morrill Act provides for agricultural colleges.
Homestead Act is passed.

- 1863 Emancipation Proclamation is signed.
Union forces capture Vicksburg.
Confederates are defeated at Gettysburg.
Union forces capture Chattanooga.
West Virginia enters the Union.
- 1864 Grant is appointed Union commander.
Sherman's army makes "March to the Sea."
Sand Creek Massacre begins Cheyenne War.
Nevada enters the Union.
- 1865 Freedmen's Bureau is created.
Lee surrenders at Appomattox.
Lincoln is assassinated.



Andrew Johnson
1808-75
Born in North Carolina
Democrat
President: 1865-69

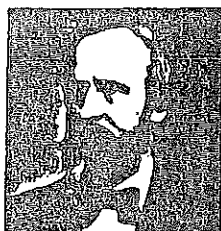
- 1865 Reconstruction begins.
Thirteenth Amendment abolishes slavery.
- 1865-86 Settlers and Indians on the plains clash.
- 1866 Transatlantic cable is completed.
Congress passes Civil Rights Act.
National Labor Union is founded.
- 1867 U.S. purchases Alaska.
Nebraska enters the Union.
Congressional plan of reconstruction is organized.
Grange is organized as Patrons of Husbandry.
- 1868 Johnson is impeached and acquitted.
Fourteenth Amendment guarantees civil rights to blacks.
Cheyenne War Ends.
U.S. and Sioux sign peace treaty.



Ulysses S. Grant
1822-85
Born in Ohio
Republican
President: 1869-77

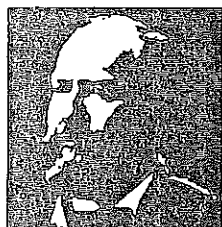
- 1869 Transcontinental railroad is completed.
Knights of Labor is founded.
- 1870 Fifteenth Amendment gives vote to blacks.
- 1870-71 Force Acts are passed.
- 1872 Amnesty Act is passed.
Crédit Mobilier scandal is investigated.
- 1873 Depression begins.
Steel plow is developed.
- 1874 Barbed wire is invented.

- 1875 Resumption Act is passed.
- 1876 Sioux defeat Custer at Little Bighorn.
Colorado enters the Union.
Philadelphia holds Centennial Exhibition.
Presidential election is disputed.
Bell demonstrates telephone.
- 1876-77 "Granger cases" are decided.
- 1877 House selects Hayes as President.



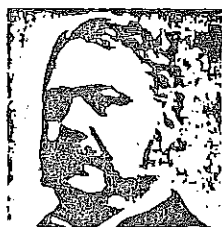
Rutherford B. Hayes
1822-93
Born in Ohio
Republican
President: 1877-81

- 1877 Reconstruction ends.
Sioux are defeated.
- 1878 Congress passes Bland-Allison Act.
- 1879 Edison perfects electric light bulb.
- 1880-90 New immigration from eastern and southern Europe takes place.



James A. Garfield
1831-81
Born in Ohio
Republican
President: Mar. 4-Sept. 19, 1881

- 1881 Carver founds Tuskegee Institute.
A Century of Dishonor is published.
Garfield is assassinated.



Chester A. Arthur
1829-86
Born in Vermont
Republican
President: 1881-85

- 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act is passed.
Rockefeller organizes Standard Oil Trust.
First U.S. power plant is opened.
- 1883 Pendleton Act establishes civil service.
- 1884 Knights of Labor win Union Pacific Railroad strike.



Grover Cleveland
1837-1908
Born in New Jersey
Democrat
President: 1885-89

- 1886 Presidential Succession Act passes.
Haymarket Riot occurs.
A. F. of L. is founded.
- 1887 Interstate Commerce Commission is created.
Hatch Act is passed.
Dawes Act gives land to Indians.



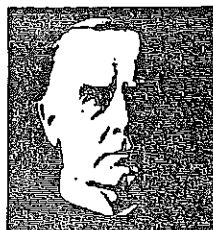
Benjamin Harrison
1833-1901
Born in Ohio
Republican
President: 1889-93

- 1889 Oklahoma is opened for settlement.
Washington, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota enter the Union.
Addams opens Hull House.
Department of Agriculture is created.
- 1890 Sherman Antitrust Act is passed.
Wyoming and Idaho enter the Union.
McKinley Tariff is passed.
Sherman Silver Purchase Act passes.
Populist Party is organized.
- 1891 Homestead Steel Strike occurs.
- 1892



Grover Cleveland
1837-1908
Born in New Jersey
Democrat
President: 1893-97

- 1893 Silver Purchase Act is repealed.
Chicago holds World's Fair.
- 1894 Wilson-Gorman Tariff passes.
Pullman strike occurs.
- 1895 Marconi invents wireless telegraphy.
Cubans revolt against Spain.
- 1896 Supreme Court upholds Jim Crow laws in *Plessy v. Ferguson*.
Bryan is free silver candidate.
Utah enters the Union.
Gold is discovered in the Klondike.



William McKinley
1843-1901
Born in Ohio
Republican
President: 1897-1901

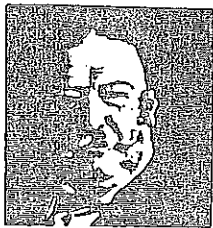
- 1897 Congress passes the Dingley Tariff.
- 1898 U.S. annexes Hawaii.
Spanish-American War is fought; U.S.

- gains Philippines, Guam, and Puerto Rico.
- 1899 First Hague Conference meets.
- 1899- Open Door policy is proclaimed.
- 1900
- 1900 International Ladies Garment Workers Union is founded.
- Boxer Rebellion occurs.
- 1901 McKinley is assassinated.



Theodore Roosevelt
1858-1919
Born in New York
Republican
President: 1901-09

- 1901-02 Pan American Conference meets.
- 1902 Platt Amendment is adopted.
Newlands Act is passed.
Drago Doctrine is announced.
American forces withdraw from Cuba.
- 1903 Wright Brothers make first successful airplane flight.
Direct primary is adopted in Wisconsin.
Department of Commerce and Labor is created.
Congress passes Elkins Act.
U.S. acquires Canal Zone.
- 1904 Roosevelt Corollary is announced.
Shame of the Cities is published.
- 1905 Roosevelt negotiates Treaty of Portsmouth; receives Nobel Prize.
- 1906 U.S. sends troops to Cuba.
Pure Food and Drug Act is passed.
Congress passes Meat Inspection Act.
Burke Act modifies Dawes Act.
- 1907 Gentleman's Agreement is concluded with Japan.
Oklahoma enters the Union.
Second Hague Conference meets.
- 1908 White House holds Conservation Conference.
Court rules on Danbury Hatters.



William Howard Taft
1857-1930
Born in Ohio
Republican
President: 1909-13

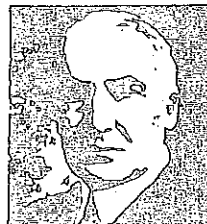
- 1909 Congress passes the Payne-Aldrich Tariff.
Taft introduces "dollar diplomacy."
Ford develops Model T.
NAACP is founded.
- 1910 Congress passes the Mann-Elkins Act.

- 1911 Fire sweeps Triangle shirt factory.
Transcontinental plane flight occurs.
- 1912 Progressive Party is formed.
New Mexico enters the Union.
Arizona enters the Union.
Massachusetts passes first state minimum-wage law.



Woodrow Wilson
1856-1924
Born in Virginia
Democrat
President: 1913-21

- 1913 Sixteenth Amendment authorizes income tax.
Seventeenth Amendment provides for direct election of senators.
Congress passes the Underwood Tariff.
Federal Reserve Act is passed.
- 1914 World War I begins.
Wilson issues neutrality proclamation.
Panama Canal is opened.
Federal Trade Commission is created.
Clayton Antitrust Act is passed.
- 1915 German submarine sinks *Lusitania*.
Grandfather clauses are declared unconstitutional.
- 1916 Congress passes Jones Act.
U.S. sends troops into Mexico to capture Villa.
- 1917 Zimmermann telegram is intercepted.
U.S. enters World War I.
Smith-Hughes Act is passed.
Revolution breaks out in Russia.
U.S. purchases Virgin Islands.
Puerto Ricans are made U.S. citizens.
- 1918 World War I ends.
Wilson presents Fourteen Points.
- 1919 Treaty of Versailles is signed.
Prohibition begins with ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment.
"Palmer raids" take place.
- 1920 Senate rejects Versailles Treaty.
Nineteenth Amendment gives vote to women.
First U.S. radio station is started.



Warren G. Harding
1865-1923
Born in Ohio
Republican
President: 1921-23

- 1921 Law restricting immigration is passed.
Bureau of the Budget is set up.

- Veterans' Bureau is created.
- 1921-22 Washington Naval Conference meets.
- 1922 "Naval holiday" is declared.
- Mussolini seizes power in Italy.
- Fordney-McCumber Tariff is passed.
- Soviet Union is formed.
- 1923 Harding dies suddenly.



Calvin Coolidge

1872-1933
Born in Vermont
Republican
President: 1923-29

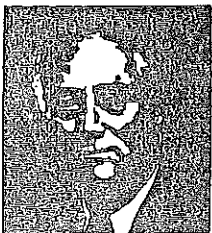
- 1924 Indians are made U.S. citizens.
- Teapot Dome scandal erupts.
- Congress passes Veterans' bonus bill.
- 1927 Lindbergh flies the Atlantic.
- Sacco and Vanzetti are executed.
- McNary-Haugen Bill is vetoed.
- 1928 Kellogg-Briand Pact condemns war.
- Roosevelt Corollary is renounced.



Herbert Hoover

1874-1964
Born in Iowa
Republican
President: 1929-33

- 1929 Stock market crash marks beginning of Great Depression.
- 1930 Public works programs begin.
- Congress passes Hawley-Smoot Tariff.
- 1931 Japan invades Manchuria.
- 1932 Reconstruction Finance Corporation is organized.
- Stimson Doctrine is announced.
- 1932-33 Federal Reserve powers are increased.



Franklin D. Roosevelt

1882-1945
Born in New York
Democrat
President: 1933-45

- 1933 Hitler comes to power in Germany.
- Twentieth Amendment is ratified.
- Roosevelt begins New Deal.
- Good Neighbor Policy is announced.
- CCC is created.
- AAA is passed.
- TVA is created.
- NIRA is passed.

- U.S. recognizes Soviet Union.
- Twenty-first Amendment repeals Prohibition.
- 1934 Securities and Exchange Commission is created.
- Platt Amendment is canceled.
- Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act is passed.
- Wheeler-Howard Act improves life of Indians.
- 1935 WPA is created.
- NIRA is ruled unconstitutional.
- Italy invades Ethiopia.
- Wagner Act is passed.
- Social Security Act is passed.
- Neutrality Act is passed.
- CIO is established.
- 1935-37 Neutrality Acts are passed.
- 1936 AAA is ruled unconstitutional.
- Germany invades the Rhineland.
- Japan invades central China.
- 1937 New AAA is passed.
- 1938 Munich Pact is signed.
- CIO separates from A. F. of L.
- Fair Labor Standards Act is passed.
- Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act is passed.
- 1939 Germany invades Poland; World War II begins.
- Neutrality Act of 1937 is amended.
- 1940 France falls to Germany.
- 1941 Lend-Lease Act is passed.
- Germany invades Soviet Union.
- Atlantic Charter states Allied war aims.
- Japan attacks Pearl Harbor; U.S. enters World War II.
- 1942 Soviets stop Germans at Stalingrad.
- Corregidor surrenders to the Japanese.
- Marines invade Guadalcanal.
- Office of Price Administration is established.
- 1943 Allies stop Axis armies in North Africa and invade Italy.
- American forces advance in Pacific.
- Allied leaders meet in Cairo and Tehran.
- 1944 Allies land in France on D-Day.
- 1945 Big Three meet at Yalta.
- Roosevelt dies.

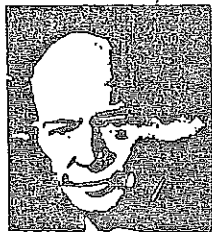


Harry S. Truman

1884-1972
Born in Missouri
Democrat
President: 1945-53

- 1945 Germany surrenders.
- Atomic bombs are dropped on Japan;
- Japan surrenders.
- World War II ends.

- 1946 United Nations is formed at San Francisco Conference.
- Auto workers strike at General Motors.
- Steelworkers, coal miners, and railroad workers go on strike.
- 1947 Philippines become independent.
- Truman Doctrine is announced.
- Taft-Hartley Act is passed.
- Congress passes Presidential Succession Act.
- 1948 Marshall Plan is enacted.
- Berlin Airlift is begun.
- 1949 Point Four program is announced.
- NATO is formed.
- Soviet scientists successfully explode atomic bomb.
- Communists gain control of China.
- 1950 Internal Security Act is passed.
- Korean War begins.
- 1951 Twenty-second Amendment is ratified.
- 1952 U.S. tests hydrogen bomb.



Dwight D. Eisenhower
 1890-1969
 Born in Texas
 Republican
 President: 1953-61

- 1953 Department of Health, Education, and Welfare is created.
- States get title to offshore oil.
- Korean War ends.
- 1954 Supreme Court rules segregated schools unconstitutional.
- West Germany is admitted to NATO.
- 1955 Warsaw Pact is created.
- Blacks stage bus boycott in Montgomery.
- 1956 Hungarians revolt against Soviets.
- Egypt seizes Suez Canal.
- 1957 Civil Rights Act is passed.
- Soviet Union launches *Sputnik I*.
- 1958 United States launches first satellite into orbit.
- Alaska enters the Union.
- 1958-59 Berlin crisis erupts.
- 1959 Castro comes to power in Cuba.
- St. Lawrence Seaway is opened.
- Hawaii enters the Union.
- 1960 Nation elects first Roman Catholic to the Presidency.



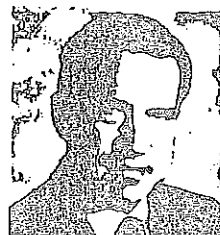
John F. Kennedy
 1917-63
 Born in Massachusetts
 Democrat
 President: 1961-63

- 1961 Alliance for Progress is established.
- Peace Corps is established.
- Bay of Pigs invasion fails.
- Berlin Wall is built.
- 1962 First American orbits earth.
- Cuban missile crisis almost leads to war.
- U.S. sends first troops to Vietnam.
- Trade Expansion Act is passed.
- 1963 U.S. and Soviet Union sign Limited Test Ban Treaty.
- President Kennedy is assassinated.



Lyndon B. Johnson
 1908-73
 Born in Texas
 Democrat
 President: 1963-69

- 1964 Twenty-fourth Amendment bans use of poll tax.
- Economic Opportunity Act is passed.
- Civil Rights Act is passed.
- Gulf of Tonkin Resolution is passed.
- 1965 Vietnam War escalates.
- Voting Rights Act is passed.
- Medicare is established.
- Department of Housing and Urban Development created.
- 1966 National Organization for Women (NOW) is formed.
- Department of Transportation is created.
- 1967 Twenty-fifth Amendment is ratified.
- 1968 Vietnam peace talks begin in Paris.
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is assassinated.



Richard M. Nixon
 1913-
 Born in California
 Republican
 President: 1969-74

- 1969 American troops begin to withdraw from Vietnam.
- American astronauts land on moon.
- 1970 U.S. invades Cambodia.
- 1971 Twenty-sixth Amendment lowers voting age to 18.
- 1972 Nixon visits China and Soviet Union.
- 1973 Vice President Agnew resigns; Nixon appoints Ford.
- U.S. troops leave Vietnam
- OPEC announces oil embargo.
- 1974 Nixon resigns



Gerald R. Ford
 1913-
 Born in Nebraska
 Republican
 President: 1974-77

- 1974 Ford pardons Nixon. Amnesty for draft evaders and military deserters announced.
- 1975 Americans and Soviets take part in joint space venture.
- 1976 Vietnam falls to Communists. The nation celebrates its Bicentennial.

U.S. protests Afghanistan invasion.
 U.S. mission to free Iranian hostages fails.



Ronald W. Reagan
 1911-
 Born in Illinois
 Republican
 President: 1981-

- 1981 Iranians release American hostages. Reagan survives assassination attempt. *Columbia* completes first flight. Sandra Day O'Connor becomes first woman appointed to Supreme Court.
- 1983 U.S. Marines are sent to Lebanon.
- 1984 *Challenger II* and *Discovery* continue space shuttle program. U.S. Marines leave Lebanon. Democrats nominate Geraldine Ferraro, first woman to be Vice-Presidential candidate of a major party. SALT talks resume.
- 1985 Reagan begins second term. Space shuttle *Discovery* completes first secret military mission. Terrorists kidnap TWA passengers; hostages released 17 days later. Twenty-fifth Amendment is invoked while Reagan undergoes surgery.



James E. Carter, Jr.
 1924-
 Born in Georgia
 Democrat
 President: 1977-81

- 1977 Carter offers amnesty to draft evaders. Department of Energy is created.
- 1978 Senate ratifies new treaties with Panama.
- 1979 Accident occurs at Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. Camp David Accords are signed. Iranians seize Americans as hostages. Soviet Union invades Afghanistan.
- 1980 "Carter Doctrine" is announced.