

Did you know? Taft was the first president to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at a baseball game.

Nickname: Big Lub, Big Chief

- Taft was the first to have a presidential automobile and the first president to occupy the Oval Office. He was the last president to have facial hair (a mustache).
- Taft was the first to have a presidential auto-states Supreme Court.
- Taft was the only man ever to serve terms as president and chief justice of the United States Supreme Court.
- Taft was the first to have a presidential government more than \$13 million for the federal
- A corporate income tax created by Taft raised Philippines.
- Taft served as the first governor of the

Good to know:

Born: September 15, 1857, in Cincinnati, Ohio
Died: March 8, 1930
Family: Helen "Nellie" Herron Taft had three children

William Howard Taft

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27th US President • 1909–1913

Did you know? President Wilson was the last president to ride to his inauguration in a horse-drawn carriage.

Nickname: The Phrasemaker, Schoolmaster in Politics

- His face is on the \$100,000 bill.
- World War I
- Wilson led the US in peace time and through doctorate degree.
- Wilson was the first president to have a was nine years old.
- The Civil War had caused many schools to close, so Wilson did not attend school until he was nine years old.

Good to know:

Born: December 28 or 29, 1856, in Staunton, Virginia. (Wilson was born around midnight, and no one knows for sure which day it was. He listed his birthday as December 28.)
Died: February 3, 1924
Family: Ellen Axson Wilson (died during Wilson's presidency); had 3 children. Married Edith Bolling Galt Wilson

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28th US President • 1913–1921

Did you know? Many people were interested in Harding's dog, Laddie Boy. To satisfy that curiosity, Harding wrote letters to the press pretending to be Laddie Boy.

Nickname: Wobbly Warren

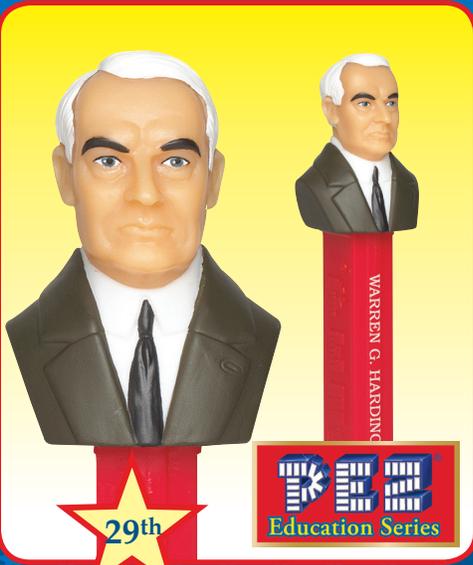
- Because Harding did not like chemistry when he was in school, he once put a bottle of stinky liquid in his teacher's desk drawer.
- Before becoming president, Harding worked as a newspaper publisher and senator.
- Harding was the first to be elected president while serving as a senator.
- Harding's election was the first in which all women could vote. It was also the first election to have the results broadcast on the radio.

Good to know:

Born: November 2, 1865, near Marion, Ohio
Died: August 2, 1923
Family: Florence Kling De Wolfe Harding

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29th US President • 1921– 1923

Did you know? Even though he was a quiet man, Coolidge was known for playing jokes on his staff.

Nickname: Silent Cal

- Coolidge took office after Harding died.
- Coolidge was the sixth vice president to take over for a deceased president.
- His father gave him the oath of office in the family parlor.
- Coolidge spoke out for civil rights. He signed the Indian Citizenship Act in 1924, which gave all Native Americans full citizenship rights while letting them keep their tribal land.
- Coolidge gave the first presidential speech to be aired on the radio.

Good to know:

Born: July 4, 1872, in Plymouth Notch, Vermont
Died: January 5, 1933
Family: Grace Goodhue Coolidge; two children

Calvin Coolidge

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30th US President • 1923–1929

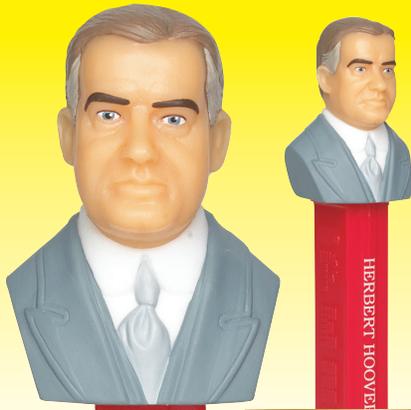
Did you know? Herbert Hoover worked many jobs—such as wedding onions and delivering newspapers—before and during his time as a student at Stanford University in California.

Good to know:
• Hoover was the first president born west of the Mississippi River.
• Despite becoming an orphan at age 9, he had a happy childhood.
• Hoover was president when the United States was dealing with the Great Depression and was the first president to use government power to try to control it.
• Hoover's administration supported many public works projects, including building national parks; monuments, highways, public buildings; and waterways for flood control, including the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River.
Nickname: The Great Engineer, The Great Humanitarian

Born: August 10, 1874, in West Branch, Iowa
Died: October 20, 1964
Family: Lou Henry Hoover; had two children

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31st US President • 1929–1933

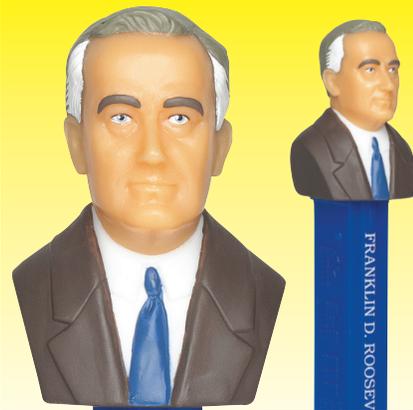
Did you know? Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first president to fly overseas on official business.

Good to know:
• He was a distant cousin of Theodore Roosevelt, who was president of the United States from 1901 to 1909.
• Born into a wealthy family, Roosevelt had met the American writer Mark Twain and President Grover Cleveland by the age of ten.
• Roosevelt was wheelchair-bound after contracting polio, yet most Americans did not know this. The press was not allowed to take pictures that showed him in his wheelchair.
• Roosevelt was elected president four times and occupied the White House for over 12 years—longer than any other president in American history.
Nickname: FDR

Born: January 30, 1882, in Hyde Park, New York
Died: April 12, 1945
Family: Eleanor Roosevelt; had six children

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32nd US President • 1933–1945

Did you know? A failed business led Truman to seek a career in politics.

Nickname: Haberdasher Harry

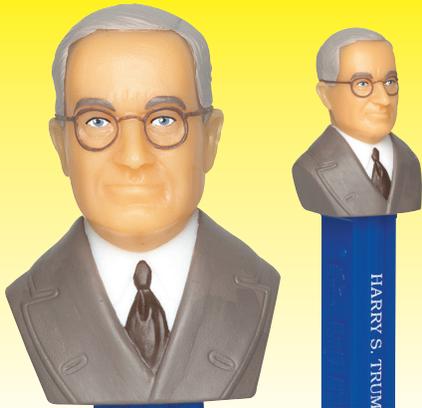
- Truman's parents gave him the middle initial S but did not give him a middle name.
- He wore glasses from a young age and was afraid of breaking them. Instead of playing on the playground, he read. He claimed to have read all the books in the local library by the time he was 14.
- Truman had been vice president for less than three months when Roosevelt died and Truman took office.
- Truman made the decision to use an atomic bomb on Japan, ending World War II.

Good to know:

Born: May 8, 1884, in Lamar, Missouri
 Died: December 26, 1972
 Family: Elizabeth "Bess" Wallace Truman; had one child

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33rd US President • 1945–1953

Did you know? Eisenhower was a big fan of golf. In fact, he added a putting green to the White House and played more than 800 rounds of golf while in office.

Nickname: Ike

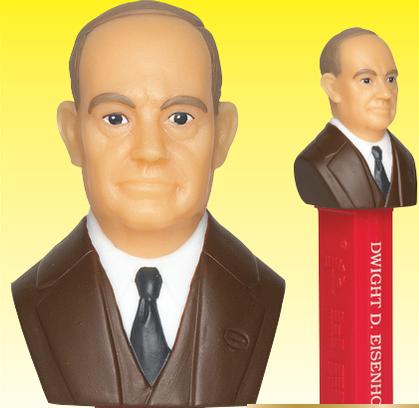
- Before becoming president, Eisenhower was a five-star general in the army, a university president, and a best-selling author.
- In 1951, the 22nd Amendment became law. This meant Eisenhower was the first president who could serve only two elected terms as president.
- The Eisenhowers lived in the White House for 8 years. As a military family, it was the longest they had lived in one place.
- Alaska and Hawaii became states during Eisenhower's presidency.

Good to know:

Born: October 14, 1890, in Denison, Texas
 Died: March 28, 1969
 Family: Mamie Dowd Eisenhower; had two children

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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34th US President • 1953–1961

Did you know? While Kennedy was not a great student as a youngster, one of his college papers was published as a book.

Nickname: JFK

- One of Kennedy's books, *Profiles in Courage*, earned him the Pulitzer Prize. He is the only president to have earned this award.
 - At age 43, Kennedy was the youngest elected president.
 - Kennedy encouraged Americans to be active citizens, saying, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."
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Born: May 29, 1917, in Brookline, Massachusetts
Died: November 22, 1963
Family: Jacqueline "Jackie" Bouvier Kennedy; had three children

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35th US President • 1961–1963

Did you know? Johnson hated to waste electricity. He earned the nickname "Light Bulb Lyndon" because he would often storm around the White House, turning off unneeded lights.

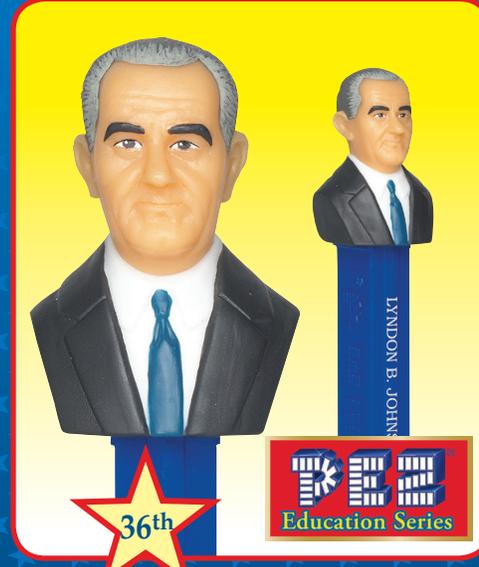
Nickname: LBJ, Light Bulb Lyndon

- On the day Lyndon B. Johnson was born, his grandfather predicted, "He'll be a United States senator some day." Johnson served in Congress for 24 years before becoming vice president.
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Born: August 27, 1908, near Stonewall, Texas
Died: January 22, 1973
Family: Claudia "Lady Bird" Taylor Johnson; had two children

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36th US President • 1963–1969