

## USOFMAZZ CHEAT NOTES ON PRESIDENTS THROUGHOUT US HISTORY

### **The Young Republic, 1788-1815**

#### **1. George Washington, 1789-1797**

VP - John Adams

Secretary of State - Thomas Jefferson

Secretary of Treasury - Alexander Hamilton

#### **Major Items:**

- Judiciary Act, 1789
  - Tariff of 1789
  - Whiskey Rebellion, 1799
  - French Revolution - Citizen Genét, 1793
  - Jay Treaty with England, 1795
  - Pinckney Treaty with Spain, 1795
  - Farewell Address, 1796
  - First Bank of United States, 1791-1811
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#### **2. John Adams, 1797-1801**

Federalist

VP - Thomas Jefferson

#### **Major Items:**

- XYZ Affair, 1797
  - Alien Act, Sedition Act, 1798
  - Naturalization Act
  - "Midnight Judges," 1801
  - Kentucky (Jefferson) and Virginia (Madison) Resolutions, 1798
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#### **3. Thomas Jefferson, 1801-1809**

Republican

VP - Aaron Burr

Secretary of State - James Madison

**Major Items:**

- Marbury v. Madison, 1803
  - Louisiana Purchase, 1803
  - Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1804-1805
  - 12th Amendment, 1804
  - Embargo Act, 1807
  - Non-Intercourse Act, 1809
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**4. James Madison, 1809-1817**

Republican

VP - George Clinton

Secretary of State - James Monroe

**Major Items:**

- Macon Act, 1810
  - Berlin and Milan Decrees
  - Orders in Council
  - "War Hawks," 1811-1812
  - War of 1812
  - Hartford Convention, 1814
  - First Protective Tariff, 1816
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**Era of Good Feelings and the Era of the Common Man, 1815-1840**

**5. James Monroe, 1817-1825**

Republican

VP - Tompkins

Secretary of State - John Quincy Adams

**Major Items:**

- Marshall's Decisions: McCulloch v. Maryland, 1819; Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 1819; Gibbons v. Ogden, 1824
  - Acquisition of Florida from Spain, 1819
  - Transcontinental or Adam-Oñis Treaty, 1819
  - Missouri Compromise, 1820
  - Monroe Doctrine, 1823
  - Sectional Tariff, 1824
  - Favorite Sons Election [Jackson, J. Q. Adams, Crawford, Clay], 1824
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**6. John Quincy Adams, 1825-1829**

National Republican

VP - John C. Calhoun

Secretary of State - Henry Clay

**Major Items:**

- "Corrupt Bargain"
  - Erie Canal, 1825
  - Tariff of Abominations
  - Calhoun's Exposition and Protest, 1828
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**7. Andrew Jackson, 1829-1837**

Democrat

VP - John C. Calhoun and Martin Van Buren

**Major Items:**

- Jacksonian Democracy
- Tariffs of 1832 and 1833
- The 2nd Bank of the United States (due to expire in 1836)

- Formation of the Whig Party, 1832
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### **8. Martin Van Buren, 1837-1841**

Democrat

VP - Richard M. Johnson

#### **Major Items:**

- Panic of 1837
  - Specie Circular, no Bank of the United States
  - Unsound financing by state governments
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### **Ante-Bellum Period, 1840-1860**

### **9. William Henry Harrison, 1841**

Whig

VP - John Tyler

Secretary of State - Daniel Webster

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### **10. John Tyler, 1841-1845**

Anti-Jackson Democrat ran as VP on Whig ticket

Secretary of State - Daniel Webster

#### **Major Items:**

- Webster-Ashburton Treaty, 1842
  - Vetoes Clay's bill for 3rd Bank of the United States
  - Canadian Border set at 45th parallel
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### **11. James K. Polk, 1845-1849**

original "dark horse" candidate

Democrat

VP - Dallas

**Major Items:**

- Manifest Destiny
  - Texas becomes a state, 1845
  - Oregon boundary settled, 1846
  - Mexican War, 1846-1848
  - Treaty of Guadeloupe-Hidalgo, 1848
  - Wilmot Proviso
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**12. Zachary Taylor, 1849-1850**

Whig

VP - Millard Fillmore

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**13. Millard Fillmore, 1850-1853**

Whig

Secretary of State - Daniel Webster

**Major Items:**

- Compromise of 1850
  - Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, 1850 (Britain and U. S. agree not to expand in Central America if the canal is built)
  - Uncle Tom's Cabin, 1852
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**14. Franklin Pierce, 1853-1857**

Democrat

VP - King

**Major Items:**

- Kansas-Nebraska Bill, 1854
- popular sovereignty
- Japan opened to world trade, 1853

- Underground Railroad
  - Bleeding Kansas
  - Ostend Manifesto, 1854
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### **15. James Buchanan, 1857-1861**

Democrat

VP- Breckinridge

#### **Major Items:**

- Dred Scott decision, 1857
  - Lincoln-Douglas Debates, 1858
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### **Civil War, 1861-1865**

### **16. Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865**

Republican

VP - Andrew Johnson

Secretary of State - William H. Seward (New York)

Secretary of Treasury - Salmon P. Chase

Secretary of War - Edwin M. Stanton

#### **Major Items:**

- Civil War, 1861-1865
  - Emancipation Proclamation, 1863
  - Homestead Act, 1862
  - Morrill Act, 1862 (created agricultural colleges)
  - Assassinated April 14th, 1865, by John Wilkes Booth
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### **Reconstruction, 1865-1877**

### **17. Andrew Johnson, 1865, 1869**

Republican

Secretary of State - William H. Seward

**Major Items:**

- 13th Amendment, 1865
  - 14th Amendment, 1868
  - Reconstruction Act, 1867
  - Tenure of Office Act, 1867
  - Impeachment Trial, 1868
  - Formation of KKK
  - Adoption of Black Codes in the South
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**18. Ulysses S. Grant, 1869-1877**

Republican

VP - Colfax, Wilson

Secretary of State - Hamilton Fish

**Major Items:**

- 15th Amendment, 1870
  - First Transcontinental Railroad, 1869
  - Tweed Ring
  - Panic of 1873
  - Crédit Mobilier
  - Whiskey Ring
  - Indian Ring
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**Gilded Age, 1877-1900**

19. **Rutherford B. Hayes, 1877-1881**

Republican

VP - Wheeler

**Major Items:**

- Bland-Allison Act, 1878 (free coinage of silver)
  - Troops withdrawn from the South, 1877
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## **20. James A Garfield, March 4 to September 19, 1881**

Republican

VP - Chester A. Arthur

Secretary of State - James A. Blaine

### **Major Items:**

- Assassinated by C. Julius Guiteau
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## **21. Chester A. Arthur, 1881-1885**

Republican

Secretary of State - James A. Blaine

### **Major Items:**

- Pendleton Act, 1883 (set up civil service commission)
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## **22. Grover Cleveland, 1885-1889**

Democrat

VP - Hendricks

### **Major Items:**

- Knights of Labor, 1886
  - Haymarket Riot, 1886
  - Interstate Commerce Act, 1887
  - Washburn v. Illinois, 1886
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## **23. Benjamin Harrison, 1889-1893**

Republican

VP - Morton



Secretary of State - James A. Blaine

**Major Items:**

- Sherman Anti-trust Act, 1890
  - Populist Party Platform, 1892
  - North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington become states, 1889
  - Idaho and Wyoming become states, 1890
  - McKinley Tariff, 1890
  - Sherman Act, 1890
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**24. Grover Cleveland, 1893-1897**

Second Administration (only President to serve two non-consecutive terms)

Democrat

VP - Stevenson

**Major Items:**

- Panic of 1893
  - Hawaiian incident, 1893
  - Venezuelan Boundary Affair, 1895
  - Pullman Strike, 1894
  - American Federation of Labor
  - Wilson-Gorman Tariff, 1894
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**25. William McKinley, 1897-1901**

Republican

VP - Garet Hobart, 1896-1900

VP - Theodore Roosevelt

Secretary of State - John Hay

**Major Items:**

- New Imperialism

- Spanish-American War, April 1898 - February 1899
  - Open Door Policy, 1899
  - Boxer Rebellion, 1900
  - McKinley was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz, 1901
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## **Progressive Age, 1900-1920**

### **26. Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1908**

Republican

VP - Fairbanks

Secretary of State - John Hay, Elihu Root

Major Items:

- Panama Canal, 1903-1914
  - "Square Deal"
  - Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine, 1904
  - Portsmouth Treaty, 1905
  - Gentleman's Agreement with Japan, 1904
  - Hague Conferences, 1899 and 1907
  - Hepburn Act, 1906
  - Pure Food and Drug Act, Meat Inspection Act, and "muckrakers", 1906
  - Political reforms of the Roosevelt Era
  - Trust-busting
  - Coal Strike
  - Conservation
  - Venezuelan Debt Controversy, 1902
  - Dominican Republic Crisis, 1902
  - Algerian Conference over Morocco, 1906
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### **27. William Howard Taft, 1909-1913**

Republican

VP - Sherman

**Major Items:**

- Paine-Aldrich Tariff, 1909
  - Pinchot-Ballinger controversy, 1909 (conservation v. reclamation)
  - "Dollar Diplomacy"
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**28. Woodrow Wilson, 1913-1921**

Democrat

VP - Marshall

**Major Items:**

- Underwood Tariff, 1913
  - 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th Amendments
  - Federal Reserve System, 1913
  - Glassow Act, 1913
  - Federal trade Commission, 1914
  - Clayton Anti-trust Act, 1914
  - Troops to Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Virgin Islands, Mexico
  - The Lusitania, May 1915
  - "Fourteen Points," January 1917
  - Treaty of Versailles, 1919-1920
  - "New Freedom"
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**Roaring Twenties, 1920-1929**

**29. Warren G. Harding, 1921-1923**

"Dark Horse" candidate

Republican

VP - Calvin Coolidge

Secretary of State - Charles Evans Hughes

**Major Items:**

- Teapot Dome Scandal
  - Washington Conference, 1921-1922
  - Fordney-McCumber Tariff, 1922
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**30. Calvin Coolidge, 1923-1929**

Republican

VP - Dawes

Secretary of State - Frank Kellogg

**Major Items:**

- Kellogg-Briand Pact, 1928
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**31. Herbert Hoover, 1929-1933**

Republican

VP - Curtis

Secretary of State - Henry L. Stimson

**Major Items:**

- National Origins Immigration Act, 1929
  - Panic and Depression
  - Stock market Crash, 1929
  - Hawley-Smoot tariff, 1930
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**The New Deal and the Era of Reform, 1920-1945**

**32. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933-1945**

Democrat

VP - Garner, Wallace, Truman

**Major Items:**

- New Deal
  - "Alphabet soup" bureaucracies
  - World War 2
  - Labor reforms
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### **33. Harry S. Truman, 1945-1953**

Democrat

VP - Barkley

#### **Major Items:**

- World War 2 ends
  - Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, August 1945
  - Taft-Harley Act, 1947
  - Truman Doctrine, 1947
  - Marshall Plan, 1947
  - North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 1949
  - Korean War, 1950-1953
  - "Fair Deal"
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### **The Cold War, 1945-1968**

#### **34. Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1953-1961**

Republican

VP - Nixon

#### **Major Items:**

- 22nd Amendment
- Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas
- Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO)
- Suez Crisis, 1956
- Eisenhower Doctrine

- the "race for space"
  - Alaska and Hawaii become states, 1959
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### **35. John F. Kennedy, 1961-1963**

Democrat

VP - Lyndon B. Johnson

#### **Major Items:**

- Alliance for Progress
  - Baker v. Carr, 1962
  - Peace Corps
  - Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962
  - "New Frontier"
  - Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty
  - Assassinated in Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963, by Lee Harvey Oswald
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### **36. Lyndon B. Johnson, 1963-1968**

Democrat

VP - Humphrey

#### **Major Items:**

- The "Cold War"
- Cuban Policy
- Income tax cut
- Wesberry v. Sanders, 1964
- Civil Rights Act, 1964
- Voting Rights Act, 1965
- Anti-Poverty Act, 1964
- Elementary and Secondary education reform
- Medicare

- "Great Society"
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## **Detente and Rapprochement, 1968 - present**

### **37. Richard M. Nixon, 1968-1974**

Republican

VP - Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford

#### **Major Items:**

- "Imperial Presidency"
  - Landing on the moon, July 1969
  - Warren Burger, Chief Justice, 1969
  - Woodstock, August 1969
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established, 1970
  - 16th Amendment, 1971
  - Visit to China, February 1972
  - Visit to Russia, May 1972
  - Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT), 1972
  - Kissinger and "shuttle diplomacy," 1973-1975
  - Wounded Knee, South Dakota, 1973
  - Allende regime in Chile overthrown with the help of the CIA, September 1973
  - Agnew resigns, 1973
  - Nixon resigns just prior to impeachment vote, August 9, 1974
  - Pentagon Papers, August 30, 1971 (superior court allows the NY Times to publish)
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### **38. Gerald Ford, 1974-1976**

Republican

1st appointed President

VP - Nelson Rockefeller

Neither President nor Vice-President had been elected

**Major Items:**

- Pardons Richard Nixon
  - OPEC crisis, 1974
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**39. Jimmy Carter, 1977-1981**

Democrat

VP - Walter Mondale

**Major Items:**

- Panama Canal Treaty signed, September 1977
  - Established diplomatic relations with China and ended recognition of Taiwan
  - Three-Mile Island Incident, March 1979 (nuclear reactor leak in Pennsylvania)
  - Egypt and Israel peace treaty; Sadat and Begin win the Nobel Prize, 1979
  - Iran Hostage Crisis, 1979 (rescue attempt, 8 killed, April 1980)
  - Seizure of Afghanistan by Soviets, 1979
  - "Stagflation"
  - Boycott of Olympics in Moscow to protest invasion of Afghanistan
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**40. Ronald Reagan, 1981-1989**

Republican

VP - George Bush

**Major Items:**

- Hostages returned
- Falkland Islands Crisis, 1982 (U. S. supports England)
- 1500 Marines sent to Beirut, 1983; withdrawn in 1984
- Grenada, October 1983
- Nicaragua, 1984
- Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman appointed to the Supreme Court
- "Supply-side economics"



- Iran-Contra Hearings, Summer 1987 (Oliver North)
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#### **41. George H. Bush, 1989- 1993**

Republican

VP - Dan Quayle

##### **Major Items:**

- Berlin Wall came down leading to the reunification of Germany, 1989
  - Savings and Loan Scandal, 1990
  - Invasion of Panama, 1990
  - Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm (the Gulf War), January to August 1992
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#### **42. Bill Clinton, 1993-2001**

Democrat

VP - Al Gore

##### **Major Items:**

- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), 1993
  - Proposed a national health care system, 1993
  - Participated in air strikes in Bosnia, 1994
  - Participated in air strikes in Iraq
  - Sex scandal, 1998
  - Participated in air strikes on Serbia, 1999
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#### **43. George W. Bush, 2001-2009**

Republican

VP - Dick Cheney

##### **Major Items:**

- Disputed election, eventually decided by the Supreme Court
- "Compassionate Conservatism"

- September 11, 2001 Attacks
- War on Terrorism, post-September 11, 2001
- Attacks terrorist forces in Afghanistan
- Patriot Act
- Iraq War & Occupation, 2003-present
- Proposed Social Security Reform

