

PRESIDENTIAL QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who is the only president to have buried under a flag other than that of the United States?

A. John Tyler. Tyler sided with the Confederacy at the start of the Civil War, and his coffin was draped in a Confederate flag at his funeral in 1862.

2. How many sitting vice presidents have run for the presidency and won?

A. Four. John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Van Buren, and George H. W. Bush.

3. What is the longest streak in U.S. history in which successive presidents have served two full terms?

A. Three. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe all served two terms. So did Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. The United States has never had four consecutive two-term presidents.

4. How many sitting presidents had the option of running for re-election and opted not to?

A. Six: James Polk, James Buchanan, Rutherford B. Hayes, Calvin Coolidge, Harry Truman, and LBJ. Joe Biden ran for reelection but withdrew before he formally became the Democratic nominee.

5. Which president was the great-great grandfather of the creator of the popular card game, "Magic: The Gathering"?

A. James Garfield. His great-great grandson, Richard Garfield, created "Magic: The Gathering" game.

6. How many presidents took the oath of office outside of Washington, DC?

A. Six. George Washington was sworn into office in New York City for his first term and in Philadelphia for his second term. John Adams was sworn into office in Philadelphia. Chester A. Arthur took the oath of office in New York City after the assassination of James Garfield. Theodore Roosevelt took the oath of office in Buffalo, New York, after the assassination of William McKinley. Calvin Coolidge took the oath of office in Plymouth Notch, New York, after the death of Warren G Harding., Lyndon Johnson took the oath of office aboard Air Force One after the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

7. Who was the first president to have his inauguration broadcast on television?

A. Harry Truman

8. Which president served the shortest full term in office?

A. George Washington. Because of logistical delays in certifying the vote, Washington began his first term in office on April 30 rather than on the then-constitutionally mandated day of March 4.

9. Which president was born Leslie Lynch King Jr?

A. Gerald R. Ford. Ford's parents separated shortly after his birth and then divorced. Ford's mother subsequently remarried, and he took the name of his stepfather.

10. How many presidents did the United States have over the course of Jimmy Carter's lifetime?

A. Seventeen. Calvin Coolidge was president when Jimmy Carter was born, and Joe Biden was president when he died.

11. How many presidents died in office of natural causes?

A. Four. William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Warren G. Harding, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

12. Which president had lost almost all but one of natural teeth by the time he became president?

A. [George Washington](#)

13. How many sitting presidents declined to attend the inauguration of their successor?

A. [Five](#). John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, Andrew Johnson, and Donald Trump declined to attend their successor's inauguration.

14. Which president won the most popular votes in a single election?

A. Joe Biden. He won 81,283,501 votes, or roughly 4 million more votes than the next highest voter earner, Donald Trump in 2024.

15. Which president won the most Electoral College votes in a single election?

A. Ronald Reagan. He won 525 Electoral College votes in 1984.

16. Which president had the largest margin of victory in the Electoral College?

A. Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He won 523 Electoral College votes, while his opponent, Alf Landon, won just eight.

17. How many times in the past ten presidential elections has the margin of victory in the popular vote been in double digits?

A. [Zero](#). The largest margin of victory in the past ten presidential elections was Bill Clinton's 8.5 percentage point win over Robert Dole in 1996.

18. How many presidents have also served as governor, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, a U.S. senator, and vice president?

A. Two. John Tyler (Virginia) and Andrew Johnson (Tennessee). Johnson was also elected to the Confederate House of Representatives but died before he could assume that office.

19. Who was the last president to have been an ambassador?

A. George H.W. Bush. Bush served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations from 1971-73. From 1974-75, he was chief of the U.S. liaison office in Beijing.

20. Who is the only secretary of Commerce to become president?

A. Herbert Hoover. He was secretary of Commerce from 1921 to 1928, serving under Presidents Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge.