

## 2022 Presidents' Day Quiz

1. Which president played five musical instruments?

- a) Woodrow Wilson
- b) Calvin Coolidge
- c) Richard M. Nixon
- d) Bill Clinton

**Answer:** C. [Richard M. Nixon](#). Nixon could play the piano, violin, clarinet, saxophone, and accordion. He helped remake his political image after losing the 1962 California governor's race by [performing](#) a piano concerto he composed himself on an episode of *The Jack Paar Program*.

2. Who was the first president to write a biography of another president?

- a) John Quincy Adams
- b) Grover Cleveland
- c) William Howard Taft
- d) Herbert Hoover

**Answer:** D. [Herbert Hoover](#). After his time in the Oval Office, Hoover wrote a biography of Woodrow Wilson titled *The Ordeal of Woodrow Wilson*.

3. How many presidents were veterans of the Civil War?

- a) Three
- b) Seven
- c) Ten
- d) Fourteen

**Answer:** B. [Seven](#). Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James Garfield, Chester Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, and William McKinley.

4. Who is the only president never to have been elected to national office?

- a) Millard Fillmore
- b) William McKinley
- c) Harry S. Truman
- d) Gerald Ford

**Answer:** D. [Gerald Ford](#). Ford was made vice president after Spiro Agnew resigned and then became president after Richard Nixon resigned. Ford then lost the 1976 presidential election to Jimmy Carter.

5. Who was the first sitting president to visit an Asian country?

- a) Woodrow Wilson
- b) Franklin D. Roosevelt
- c) Dwight D. Eisenhower
- d) Lyndon B. Johnson

**Answer:** B. [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#). FDR went to Iran in 1943 for the Yalta Conference, making him the first president to visit an Asian country while in office.

6. Which president was nicknamed “Old Rough and Ready”?

- a) Zachary Taylor
- b) Ulysses S. Grant
- c) Theodore Roosevelt
- d) Dwight D. Eisenhower

**Answer:** A. [Zachary Taylor](#). As a U.S. Army officer, Taylor was given the nickname for his willingness to bear the hardships of the field alongside his soldiers.

7. How many presidents have died in the White House?

- a) Two
- b) Four
- c) Six
- d) Eight

**Answer:** A. [Two](#). William Henry Harrison died on April 4, 1841, and Zachary Taylor died on July 9, 1850. Both died of illnesses.

8. Who was the first president to meet the pope?

- a) James Monroe
- b) Chester A. Arthur
- c) Woodrow Wilson
- d) John F. Kennedy

**Answer:** C. [Woodrow Wilson](#). He met Pope Benedict XV on January 4, 1919. No other president met with the pontiff until Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1959.

9. How many state capitals are named after U.S. presidents?

- a) Two
- b) Four
- c) Seven
- d) Twelve

**Answer:** B. Four. Jackson, Mississippi; Jefferson City, Missouri; Lincoln, Nebraska; and Madison, Wisconsin. Two world capitals are named after U.S. presidents: Washington, DC, and Monrovia, Liberia.

10. Which president’s last name was originally Blythe?

- a) James K. Polk
- b) James Garfield
- c) Ronald Reagan
- d) Bill Clinton

**Answer:** D. [Bill Clinton](#). After Clinton's mother remarried, he took his stepfather's last name so he would share a last name with his half-brother, Roger Clinton Jr.

11. Which president disliked his official portrait so much that he had it burned?

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) Theodore Roosevelt
- c) Lyndon B. Johnson
- d) Donald Trump

**Answer:** B. [Theodore Roosevelt](#). Roosevelt hated the first attempt at capturing his presidential likeness. The painter, famed French portraiture artist Théobald Chartran, [said](#) he had "never had a more restless or more charming sitter."

12. Who was the first president to name a woman to his cabinet?

- a) Grover Cleveland
- b) Calvin Coolidge
- c) Franklin D. Roosevelt
- d) John F. Kennedy

**Answer:** C. [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#). Roosevelt nominated Frances Perkins as secretary of labor in 1933. Presidents have appointed sixty-four women in total to cabinet-level positions.

13. Which president believed that he lost the election that put him in office?

- a) James Madison
- b) Rutherford B. Hayes
- c) Richard M. Nixon
- d) George H.W. Bush

**Answer:** B. [Rutherford B. Hayes](#). He told a group of reporters after the disputed 1876 election: "I am of the opinion that the Democrats have carried the country and elected [Samuel] Tilden."

14. How many presidents have served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee?

- a) Five
- b) Eight
- c) Thirteen
- d) Nineteen

**Answer:** B. [Eight](#). Andrew Jackson, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, Benjamin Harrison, Warren G. Harding, John F. Kennedy, Barack Obama, and Joe Biden. Only Buchanan and Biden [chaired](#) the committee.

15. Who was the first president born in a hospital?

- a) John Tyler
- b) James Buchanan
- c) William Howard Taft
- d) Jimmy Carter

**Answer:** D. [Jimmy Carter](#). Carter was born on October 1, 1924, at the Lillian G. Carter Nursing Center in Plains, Georgia.

16. Which president played professional baseball under the pseudonym "Wilson" to make money while maintaining his amateur standing so he could play college sports?

- a) James Garfield
- b) Herbert Hoover
- c) Dwight D. Eisenhower
- d) Gerald R. Ford

**Answer:** C. [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#). On June 20, 1945, Eisenhower told Giants' manager Mel Ott that his professional baseball playing was "the one secret of my life." Despite violating his amateur standing, Eisenhower went on to play baseball and football at West Point.

17. Who was the first president to live to ninety?

- a) John Adams
- b) Martin Van Buren
- c) Andrew Johnson
- d) Ronald Reagan

**Answer:** A. [John Adams](#). Herbert Hoover, the 31<sup>st</sup> president, was the next president to live to ninety.

18. Which president lost his wife to tuberculosis two weeks before he lost his bid for reelection?

- a) James K. Polk
- b) Franklin Pierce
- c) Benjamin Harrison
- d) Calvin Coolidge

**Answer:** C. [Benjamin Harrison](#). Caroline Harrison died of tuberculosis on October 25, 1892. On November 8, 1892, Harrison lost to Grover Cleveland, the man he had defeated four years earlier.

19. Which president chose the location of the White House?

- a) George Washington
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- c) James Monroe
- d) John Quincy Adams

**Answer:** A. [George Washington](#). In accordance with the provisions of the Residence Act of 1790, Washington chose the location of the north walls and entrance of the new executive mansion along Pennsylvania Avenue. Construction of the White House was completed in 1800.

20. Which former president is a three-time Grammy winner?

- a) Jimmy Carter
- b) Bill Clinton
- c) Barack Obama

d) Donald Trump

**Answer:** A. [Jimmy Carter](#). Carter has been nominated nine times in the Best Spoken Word Album category and has won three times: one for *Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis* in 2006; another for *A Full Life: Reflections at Ninety* in 2015; and the third for his autobiography *Faith: A Journey For All* in 2018. (Barack Obama could tie Carter's record in April. His *A Promised Land* is in the running in this year's Grammys for best spoken word album.)