

## PRESIDENTS' DAY QUIZ 2023

### QUESTIONS

1. How many presidents served as governors before becoming president?
  - A. Six
  - B. Ten
  - C. Twelve
  - D. Eighteen
2. How many presidents were a sitting governor when they were elected president?
  - A. Three
  - B. Five
  - C. Seven
  - D. Nine
3. Who is the only president to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives after leaving the presidency?
  - A. James Madison
  - B. John Quincy Adams
  - C. William Howard Taft
  - D. Herbert Hoover
4. Who is the only president to serve in the U.S. Senate after leaving the presidency?
  - A. Millard Fillmore
  - B. Andrew Johnson
  - C. William McKinley
  - D. Dwight D. Eisenhower
5. Who was the first president born in a hospital?
  - A. Grover Cleveland
  - B. Woodrow Wilson
  - C. Jimmy Carter
  - D. George W. Bush
6. Which president died less than four months after leaving office?
  - A. George Washington
  - B. James K. Polk
  - C. Ulysses S. Grant
  - D. William Howard Taft
7. How many vice presidents have become president?
  - A. Five
  - B. Eight
  - C. Eleven
  - D. Fifteen

8. How many presidents did not have a vice president during their entire term in office?
- A. Zero
  - B. Two
  - C. Four
  - D. Seven
9. Which president had two vice presidents die during his presidency?
- A. James Madison
  - B. Millard Fillmore
  - C. Harry S. Truman
  - D. Gerald R. Ford
10. Which president had the most vice presidents?
- A. Thomas Jefferson
  - B. Rutherford B. Hayes
  - C. Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - D. Lyndon B. Johnson
11. Who is the only president born in Nebraska?
- A. John Tyler
  - B. Ulysses S. Grant
  - C. Calvin Coolidge
  - D. Gerald R. Ford
12. Who is the only president born who was born in California?
- A. Franklin Pierce
  - B. Benjamin Harrison
  - C. Richard Nixon
  - D. Ronald Reagan
13. How many presidents graduated from West Point?
- A. None
  - B. Two
  - C. Five
  - D. Eight
14. Who was the only president whose native language wasn't English?
- A. Martin Van Burn
  - B. James A. Garfield
  - C. Harry S. Truman
  - D. Barack Obama
15. Which president was ambidextrous?
- A. James Monroe
  - B. James A. Garfield

- C. Warren G. Harding
- D. Barack Obama

16. Which president collected stamps?

- A. Zachary Taylor
- B. Abraham Lincoln
- C. Rutherford B. Hayes
- D. Franklin D. Roosevelt

17. Who was the first person born in the twentieth century to become president?

- A. Theodore Roosevelt
- B. Herbert Hoover
- C. John F. Kennedy
- D. George H. W. Bush

18. Which president liked to skinny dip in the Potomac?

- A. John Quincy Adams
- B. James Buchanan
- C. William Howard Taft
- D. Lyndon B. Johnson

19. Who was the first president to invite a Black person to dine at the White House?

- A. John Quincy Adams
- B. Theodore Roosevelt
- C. Herbert Hoover
- D. John F. Kennedy

20. Who was the first president to throw out the first ball at a Major League Baseball All-Star game?

- A. Warren G. Harding
- B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- C. Gerald R Ford
- D. George H. W. Bush

## Answers

1. **D. Eighteen** presidents served as governor before being elected president.
2. **D. Nine** presidents were a sitting governor when they were elected president. George W. Bush was the last sitting governor to be elected president.
3. **B. John Quincy Adams** served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1831-1848 after losing his reelection bid to Andrew Jackson in 1828.
4. **B. Andrew Johnson** was elected to the Senate in 1875, six years after stepping down as president. Upon learning that he had been elected to represent Tennessee, he said: "I'd rather have this information than to learn that I had been elected President of the United States. Thank God for the vindication."
5. **C. Jimmy Carter** was born on October 1, 1924, in Wise Sanitarium—now the Lillian G. Carter Nursing Center, in Plains, Georgia, where his mother was a nurse.
6. **B. James K. Polk** left office on March 3, 1849, and died fifteen weeks later on June 15, 1849.
7. **D. Fifteen** vice presidents have become president of the United States.
8. **C. Four** presidents did not have a vice president while in office. John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, and Chester Arthur. All four were vice presidents who became president upon their predecessor's death. Until the passage of the Twenty-fifth Amendment in 1967, the Constitution did not have a procedure to replace a vice president, regardless of whether the office was left empty by death, resignation, or elevation to the presidency.
9. **A. James Madison.** George Clinton, the former governor of New York and vice president during Madison's first term in office, died in 1812. Elbridge Gerry, the former governor of Massachusetts whose last name gave us the term "gerrymandering," died in 1814, during Madison's second term in office.
10. **C. Franklin D. Roosevelt** had three vice presidents during his four terms in office: John Nance Garner, Henry Wallace, and Harry S. Truman.
11. **D. Gerald R. Ford** was born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1913.
12. **C. Richard Nixon** was born in Yorba Linda, California, in 1913.
13. **B. Two** presidents graduated from West Point: Ulysses S. Grant in 1843 and Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1915.

14. **A. Martin Van Buren** was born in the Dutch-speaking community of Kinderhook, New York. He learned English in elementary school.
15. **B. James A. Garfield** could use both his left and right hands with equal facility. He supposedly could write a sentence in Latin with one hand while writing it in Greek with the other hand.
16. **D. Franklin D. Roosevelt** collected stamps. His passion for stamp collecting helped popularize the hobby.
17. **C. John F. Kennedy** was born on May 29, 1917.
18. **A. John Quincy Adams** said of swimming in the Potomac, "I find it, as always, conducive to health, cleanliness, and comfort."
19. **B. Theodore Roosevelt**. In 1901, Teddy Roosevelt invited Booker T. Washington to join his family for dinner, creating a national controversy at a time when segregation was legal.
20. **D. Franklin D. Roosevelt** threw out the first pitch at the All-Star game held at Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C., on July 7, 1937.