

LEADING A NATION

10 Presidents Who Changed America From Washington, D.C.

Heading to Washington, D.C.? Make sure your students learn about some of our country's most influential leaders before they travel. From their greatest accomplishments to where to find information about them in Washington, D.C., we compiled need-to-know information about a few of our nation's leaders.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

1st President of the United States of America

Our nation's first president began life on a plantation on the Potomac River, but his leadership skills would quickly bring him into the military realm. By the time of the Revolutionary War, Washington was a clear choice for general. After independence was asserted, Washington worked with the rest of the Founding Fathers to create a strong national government that would ensure order over the states.

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Fun Fact

Find This President in D.C.

POLITICAL PARTY
NONE



Soldier

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY
\$25,000/yr
Refused by Washington

EDUCATION
NONE



THOMAS JEFFERSON

3rd President of the United States of America

One of the earliest and most fervent supporters of American independence, the third president of the United States and draftsman of the Declaration of Independence most certainly left an impact on the country. During his time in office, he signed the Louisiana Purchase and instigated the Embargo Act of 1807, which suspended U.S. trade with Europe.

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Fun Fact

Find This President in D.C.

POLITICAL PARTY
Democratic Party



Democratic Party

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY
\$25,000/yr



Lawyer

EDUCATION
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

16th President of the United States of America

A true American hero, Lincoln's brave civil war leadership and humanitarianism transformed the country. He began life humbly, yet as he grew as a lawyer and politician he found himself in the center of the abolitionist debate. His election provoked Southern states to secede, but with the help of an expertly-composed cabinet he led the Union to victory.

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Find This President in D.C.

POLITICAL PARTY
Republican



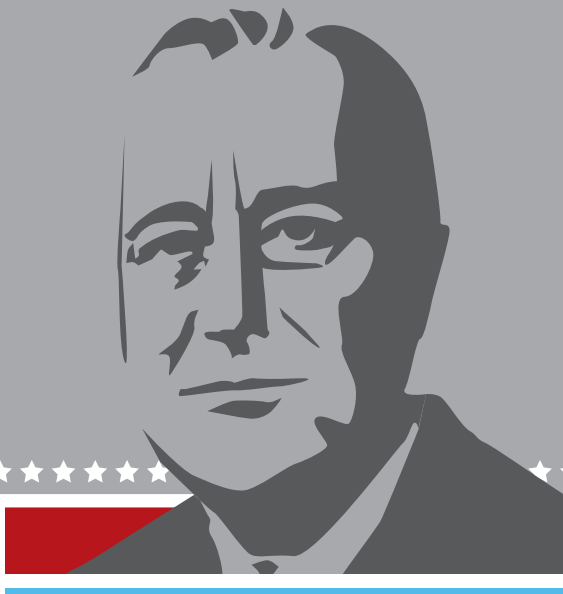
Republican

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY
\$25,000/yr



Lawyer

EDUCATION
NONE



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

32nd President of the United States of America

Roosevelt came into office during the Great Depression, yet he was able to transform the economy with his New Deal programs. Focusing on relief, recovery and reform, he established Social Security, put new controls on banks and gave heavier taxes to the wealthy. While Roosevelt was ultimately a man of peace, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor he sent the nation into World War II.

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Fun Fact

Find This President in D.C.

POLITICAL PARTY
Democrat



Democrat

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY
\$75,000/yr



Lawyer

EDUCATION
HARVARD UNIVERSITY



HARRY S. TRUMAN

33rd President of the United States of America

After having served as the vice president under Franklin Delano Roosevelt for only three months, Truman assumed presidency as a result of his predecessor's unexpected death. During his time in office, he ended the war in Europe, made the controversial decision to launch the atomic bomb, supported the creation of NATO and instigated the Korean War.

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Fun Fact

Find This President in D.C.

POLITICAL PARTY
Democrat



Democrat

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY
\$75,000/yr
Increased to \$100K



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EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CITY



DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

34th President of the United States of America

A military hero who led troops to victory on D-Day, Eisenhower came into office after serving as the Supreme Allied Commander of NATO. In addition to carrying on the legacy of FDR's New Deal, Eisenhower established Alaska and Hawaii as states, supported the creation of an Interstate Highways System and backed the formation of NASA.

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Fun Fact

Find This President in D.C.

POLITICAL PARTY
Republican



Republican

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY
\$100,000/yr



Soldier

EDUCATION
WEST POINT



JOHN F. KENNEDY

35th President of the United States of America

While his time in office may have been cut short by his tragic assassination, JFK made a big imprint on the American legacy. After winning the nation's first televised presidential debate, Kennedy signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, staved off nuclear war with the Cuban Missile Crisis and created Peace Corps.

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Find This President in D.C.

POLITICAL PARTY
Democrat



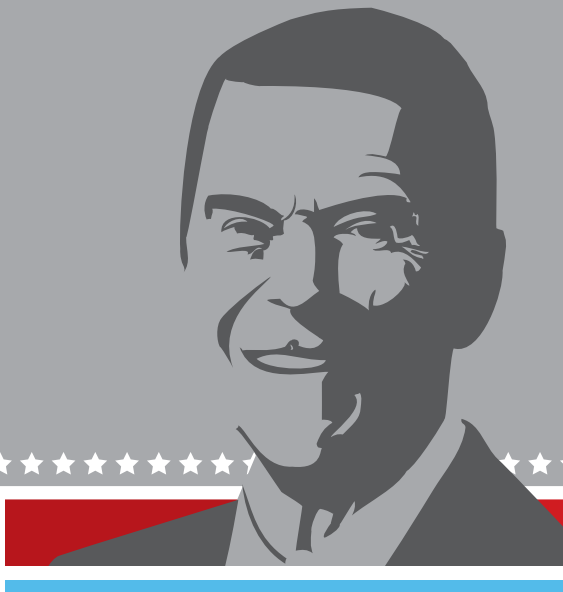
Democrat

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY
\$100,000/yr



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EDUCATION
HARVARD UNIVERSITY



RONALD REAGAN

40th President of the United States of America

Largely considered a conservative icon, the actor-turned-president was an advocate of "Reaganomics," an economic system that called for tax cuts, decrease in social spending and increase in military spending. He was also largely known for initiating the War on Drugs and anti-community military involvement.

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Fun Fact

Find This President in D.C.

POLITICAL PARTY
Republican



Republican

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY
\$200,000/yr



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EDUCATION
EUREKA COLLEGE



BILL CLINTON

42nd President of the United States of America

After winning the 1992 election against Republican incumbent George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton ushered in a new and more youthful approach to politics. During his term, he ratified the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and presided over foreign peace agreements. Perhaps his biggest accomplishment was in fostering a great U.S. economy; he even balanced the national budget.

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Fun Fact

Find This President in D.C.

POLITICAL PARTY
Democrat



Democrat

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY
\$200,000/yr



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EDUCATION
**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
YALE LAW**



BARACK OBAMA

44th President of the United States of America

When the former civil rights lawyer and Illinois senator came into office in 2008, he inherited one of the worst U.S. economies in recent history. Throughout his term, he worked to improve the economy and pacify foreign affairs. He also successfully fought for issues such as universal healthcare, gay rights, climate change and gun control.

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Fun Fact

Find This President in D.C.

POLITICAL PARTY
Democrat



Democrat

PRESIDENTIAL SALARY
\$400,000/yr



Lawyer

EDUCATION
**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
HARVARD LAW**

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