

## Presidents' Day Quiz 2019

1. How many presidents have won the office while failing to win a majority of the popular vote?
- a) One
  - b) Three
  - c) Five
  - d) Sixteen

Answer: D. [Sixteen](#). John Quincy Adams (1824), James K. Polk (1844), Zachary Taylor (1848), James Buchanan (1856), Abraham Lincoln (1860), Rutherford B. Hayes (1876), James A. Garfield (1880), Grover Cleveland (1884 and 1892), Benjamin Harrison (1888), Woodrow Wilson (1912 and 1916), Harry Truman (1948), John F. Kennedy (1960), Richard Nixon (1968), Bill Clinton (1992 and 1996), George W. Bush (2000), and Donald J. Trump (2016).

2. Which president was awarded the Medal of Honor?
- a) Ulysses S. Grant
  - b) Teddy Roosevelt
  - c) Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - d) Jimmy Carter

Answer: B. [Teddy Roosevelt](#). In 2001, President Bill Clinton posthumously awarded Teddy Roosevelt the Medal of Honor for his service in the Spanish-American War.

3. Which president spoke Mandarin?
- a) Thomas Jefferson
  - b) William McKinley
  - c) Herbert Hoover
  - d) Richard Nixon

Answer: C. [Herbert Hoover](#). He worked in China as a mining engineer from 1899 to 1900. He and First Lady Lou Hoover would speak Mandarin when they didn't want their staff or guests to know what they were saying. Hoover was also fluent in Latin.

4. Which president vetoed the most bills?
- a) Abraham Lincoln
  - b) Grover Cleveland
  - c) Franklin Delano Roosevelt
  - d) George W. Bush

Answer: C. [Franklin Delano Roosevelt](#). FDR vetoed 635 bills while in office. Second place goes to FDR's successor, Harry Truman, who vetoed 250 bills. As of January 2019, presidents have vetoed a total of 2,574 bills.

5. Who was the first president to be assassinated?

- a) Abraham Lincoln
- b) James Garfield
- c) William McKinley
- d) John F. Kennedy

Answer: A. [Abraham Lincoln](#). Lincoln was assassinated in 1865. Garfield was assassinated in 1881, McKinley in 1901, and JFK in 1963.

6. Which president had the longest marriage?

- a) George Washington
- b) Millard Fillmore
- c) Richard Nixon
- d) George H.W. Bush

Answer: D. [George H.W. Bush](#). He and Barbara were married for seventy-three years. Both passed away in 2018.

7. Who are the only presidents to live to the age of 94?

- a) Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard Nixon
- b) Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan
- c) Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush
- d) No president has lived to be 94

Answer: C. [Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush](#). Bush died when he was 94 and Carter turned 94 in October 2018. Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan both died at age 93.

8. Which president won the most popular votes?

- a) John F. Kennedy
- b) Ronald Reagan
- c) Bill Clinton
- d) Barack Obama

Answer: D. [Barack Obama](#). In 2008, Barack Obama won 69,456,897 votes—the most in American history.

9. Which president won the most electoral votes?

- a) Lyndon Johnson
- b) Richard Nixon
- c) Ronald Reagan

d) Barack Obama

Answer: C. [Ronald Reagan](#). In 1984, Reagan won 525 out of 538 votes in the Electoral College.

10. Which president was nicknamed "The Last Coked Hat" because of how he dressed?

- a) John Adams
- b) James Monroe
- c) Andrew Jackson
- d) Teddy Roosevelt

Answer: B. [James Monroe](#). Monroe was a fan of Revolutionary War era uniforms, which earned him the nickname "The Last Coked Hat."

11. Which president had the most children?

- a) John Tyler
- b) Benjamin Harrison
- c) Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- d) John F. Kennedy

Answer: A. [John Tyler](#). Tyler had fifteen children. Fun fact: Two of his grandsons are still alive.

12. Which president was the first to have electricity in the White House?

- a) Grover Cleveland
- b) Benjamin Harrison
- c) William McKinley
- d) William Howard Taft

Answer: B. [Benjamin Harrison](#). Apparently, the electrical plugs and switches terrified him.

13. Which president was a huge James Bond fan?

- a) John F. Kennedy
- b) Jimmy Carter
- c) George W. Bush
- d) Donald Trump

Answer: B. [John F. Kennedy](#). *From Russia With Love* was one of his favorite books.

14. Which president once worked as a fashion model in college?

- a) Gerald Ford

- b) Ronald Reagan
- c) George H.W. Bush
- d) Barack Obama

Answer: A. [Gerald Ford](#). In fact, he once appeared in *Cosmopolitan* Magazine.

15. Which president was the first to have a funeral train?

- a) Zachary Taylor
- b) Abraham Lincoln
- c) Woodrow Wilson
- d) John F. Kennedy

Answer: B. [Abraham Lincoln](#). Fact: George H.W. Bush had the eighth funeral train in U.S. history and the first since Dwight D. Eisenhower's train.

16. When did the president's house officially start being called "The White House"?

- a) 1801
- b) 1881
- c) 1901
- d) 1941

Answer: C. [1901](#). Teddy Roosevelt officially named it the White House in 1901. Prior to that, the house was commonly called the Executive Mansion.

17. "Mother of Presidents" is a nickname for what American state?

- a) New York
- b) Pennsylvania
- c) Massachusetts
- d) Ohio

Answer: D. [Ohio](#). Eight presidents have hailed from Ohio. William Henry Harrison, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William Howard Taft, and Warren G. Harding.

18. Which president once said that the presidency was like "running a cemetery"?

- a) Andrew Johnson
- b) Lyndon Johnson
- c) Bill Clinton
- d) Donald Trump

Answer: C. [Bill Clinton](#). He made the comparison because “You’ve got a lot of people under you and nobody’s listening.”

19. Who is the only sitting member of the House of Representatives to be elected president of the United States?
- a) John Quincy Adams
  - b) Abraham Lincoln
  - c) James A. Garfield
  - d) Warren G. Harding

Answer: C. [James A. Garfield](#), elected in 1880.

20. The powers of the president are set forth in which article of the U.S. Constitution?
- a) Article I
  - b) Article II
  - c) Article III
  - d) Article IV

Answer: B. [Article II](#).