# 44 Plays for 44 Presidents

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## Fun Guide

Performing at The Crane Theater 2303 Kennedy Street NE, Minneapolis

#### About the play

44 Plays for 44 Presidents is a chronological, biographical survey of the lives and presidencies of each of the 44 men who have held the office so far. It was created by the Neo-Futurists of Chicago. Their mistakes and successes are celebrated by a company of actors who take turns donning a star-spangled coat that symbolizes the presidency. Beginning with George Washington's almost Eden-like perfection, the scenes shift frequently between the comic and the tragic, from Ben Franklin giving Thomas Jefferson a Borscht Belt-style roast, to the frank portrayal of William Henry Harrison's life as an "Indian slayer," and later the grim onset of the Civil War. Act II starts off the twentieth century with the assassination of William McKinley, moves through a Nixon-praising dance number, a George Bush Sr. mini-musical about dirty campaigning and arrives at a polarized America in both the George W. Bush and Barack Obama plays. Audience members consider their role in shaping the history they've just witnessed, as they are left to ponder where the presidency has gone since its fall from paradise . . . and where it will go next.

Your presidents: how well do you know them?

#### 01. Which President had an alligator as a pet?

- a. James Madison
- b. Quincy Adams
- c. John Tyler
- d. Andrew Johnson

#### 02. Which President served the shortest term?

- a. William Harrison
- b. Zachary Taylor
- c. James Garfield
- d. Richard Nixon

#### 03. Who was the oldest President to be elected?

- a. Zachary Taylor
- b. William Harrison
- c. Ronald Reagan
- d. Gerald Ford

#### 04. Who was the youngest President to be elected?

- a. John F. Kennedy
- b. William Clinton
- c. James K. Polk
- d. Grover Cleveland

<ul><li>05. Who was the shortest President?</li><li>a. Benjamin Harrison</li><li>b. Martin Van Buren</li><li>c. James Madison</li><li>d. John Quincy Adams</li></ul>
<ul><li>O6. The term "First Lady" was first used in reference to which Presidential wife?</li><li>a. Dolley Madison</li><li>b. Lucy Ware Webb Hayes</li><li>c. Priscilla Cooper Tyler</li><li>d. Jane Appleton Pierce</li></ul>
07. How many presidents were assassinated in office? a. 5 b. 4 c. 7 d. 3
08. How many Presidents had unsuccessful assassination attempts on their lives? a. 6 b. 5 c. 10 d. 8
09. Which President was born on July 4? a. John Quincy Adams b. Gerald Ford c. Lyndon B. Johnson d. Calvin Coolidge
10. What was George Washington's Presidential salary? a. \$15,000 b. \$25,000 c. \$50,000 d. \$40,000

11. Who said, "We grow great by dreams. All big men are dreamers"?

keeps, and also by the company from which his is kept out."

12. Who is credited for this famous quote: "A man is known by the company he

a. Thomas Woodrow Wilson

b. Abraham Lincolnc. George Washingtond. Ulysses S. Grant

a. Ronald Reaganb. Theodore Rooseveltc. Harry S. Trumand. Grover Cleveland

#### 13. Which president had the most children?

- a. Theodore Roosevelt
- b. Benjamin Harrison
- c. John Tyler
- d. Rutherford B. Hayes

#### 14. Who was the only unmarried president?

- a. Thomas Woodrow Wilson
- b. Abraham Lincoln
- c. James Polk
- d. James Buchanan

#### 15. Who was referred to as the "Teflon President"?

- a. William Clinton
- b. Ronald Reagan
- c. James E. Carter
- d. Herbert C. Hoover

#### 16. Only one Vice-President served a President due to a resignation. Who was he?

- a. Gerald Ford
- b. Calvin Coolidge
- c. Chester A. Arthur
- d. Lyndon B. Johnson

#### 17. Which President served two non-consecutive terms?

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. Ulysses S. Grant
- c. James Madison
- d. Grover Cleveland

### 18. George Bush said that this President was "known to receive guests in his bathrobe and slippers."

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. John Adams
- c. James Madison
- d. Martin Van Buren

### 19. Which First Lady had the very first bathtub with running water installed in the White House?

- a. Emily Ellison Taylor
- b. Abigail Fillmore
- c. Jane Appleton Pierce
- d. Priscilla Cooper Tyler

#### 20. Who was the first President to wear trousers instead of knee breeches?

- a. Thomas Jefferson
- b. James Monroe

- c. James Madison
- d. John Q. Adams

#### 21. Who was the first President to be born a U.S. citizen?

- a. Andrew Jackson
- b. William Harrison
- c. John Adams
- d. Martin Van Buren

#### 22. Besides President Clinton, who was the only other President to be impeached?

- a. Richard Nixon
- b. Lyndon Johnson
- c. Andrew Johnson
- d. Harry S. Truman

#### 23. Which President was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

- a. Ronald Reagan
- b. Theodore Roosevelt
- c. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- d. William McKinley

#### 24. Which President is credited with the creation of the phrase "OK" or "Okay"?

- a. Martin Van Buren
- b. John F. Kennedy
- c. Zachary Taylor
- d. James Buchanan

#### 25. Which President was famous for his cooking?

- a. James Carter
- b. James Garfield
- c. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- d. Calvin Coolidge

#### 26. Which President played saxophone in a high school jazz trio?

- a. William Clinton
- b. Ronald Reagan
- c. Gerald R. Ford
- d. Harry S. Truman

#### 27. Who was the 35th American President?

- a. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- b. Lyndon B. Johnson
- c. Richard Nixon
- d. John F. Kennedy

#### 28. What is the most common presidential first name?

- a. John
- b. Andrew

- c. James
- d. William

#### 29. Which president had pet elephants?

- a. Millard Fillmore
- b. James Buchanan
- c. Martin Van Buren
- d. John Quincy Adams

## 30. Whose presidential campaign slogan was "A chicken in every pot, a car in every garage"?

- a. Ronald Reagan
- b. Herbert C. Hoover
- c. William Clinton
- d. Woodrow Wilson

[answers on the last page of the Fun Guide]

#### Web Resources

#### Presidential soup

http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/All\_About\_Ike/Favorites/Vegetable\_Soup.pdf

#### National presidential joke day

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/blog/2016/08/11/national-presidential-joke-day-100-years-president/

#### First Ladies portrait gallery

http://www.infoplease.com/spot/firstladies1.html

#### Quote your favorite president

http://www.infoplease.com/spot/presquotes1.html

#### Top ten presidential scandals

http://americanhistory.about.com/od/uspresidents/tp/presidential\_scandals.htm

The 44 (and their vice presidents)

#	Time in office	U.S. Presidents	U.S. Vice Presidents		
1	1789-1797	George Washington	John Adams		
2	1797-1801	John Adams	Thomas Jefferson		
3	1801-1809	Thomas Jefferson	Aaron Burr and George Clinton		
4	1809-1817	James Madison	George Clinton and Elbridge Gerry		
5	1817-1825	James Monroe	Daniel D. Tompkins		
6	1825-1829	John Quincy Adams	John C. Calhoun		
7	1829-1837	Andrew Jackson	John C. Calhoun and Martin Van Buren		
8	1837-1841	Martin Van Buren	Richard M. Johnson		
9	1841	William Henry Harrison	John Tyler		
10	1841-1845	John Tyler	None		
11	1845-1849	James Polk	George M. Dallas		
12	1849-1850	Zachary Taylor	Millard Fillmore		
13	1850-1853	Millard Fillmore	None		
14	1853-1857	Franklin Pierce	William R. King		
15	1857-1861	James Buchanan	John C. Breckinridge		
16	1861-1865	Abraham Lincoln	Hannibal Hamlin and Andrew Johnson		
17	1865-1869	Andrew Johnson	None		
18	1869-1877	Ulysses S. Grant	Schuyler Colfax and <u>Henry Wilson</u>		
19	1877-1881	Rutherford B. Hayes	William A. Wheeler		
20	1881	James A. Garfield	Chester Alan Arthur		
21	1881-1885	Chester Alan Arthur	None		
22	1885-1889	Grover Cleveland	Thomas Hendricks		
23	1889-1893	Benjamin Harrison	Levi P. Morton		

24	1893-1897	Grover Cleveland	Adlai E. Stevenson
25	1897-1901	William McKinley	Garret A. Hobart and Theodore Roosevelt
26	1901-1909	Theodore Roosevelt	Charles W. Fairbanks
27	1909-1913	William Howard Taft	James S. Sherman
28	1913-1921	Woodrow Wilson	Thomas R. Marshall
29	1921-1923	Warren G. Harding	Calvin Coolidge
30	1923-1929	Calvin Coolidge	Charles G. Dawes
31	1929-1933	Herbert Hoover	Charles Curtis
32	1933-1945	Franklin D. Roosevelt	John Garner, Henry Wallace, Harry S Truman
33	1945-1953	Harry S Truman	Alben Barkley
34	1953-1961	Dwight D. Eisenhower	Richard Nixon
35	1961-1963	John F. Kennedy	Lyndon Johnson
36	1963-1969	Lyndon Johnson	Hubert Humphrey
37	1969-1974	Richard Nixon	Spiro T. Agnew and Gerald Ford
38	1974-1977	Gerald Ford	Nelson Rockefeller
39	1977-1981	Jimmy Carter	Walter Mondale
40	1981-1989	Ronald Reagan	George Bush
41	1989-1993	George Bush	Dan Quayle
42	1993-2001	Bill Clinton	Al Gore
43	2001-2009	George W. Bush	Dick Cheney
44	2009-2017	Barack Obama	Joe Biden

### All the Presidents' Wives (and Children)

		Year and			Cl	Children <sup>1</sup>	
President	Wife's name	place of wife's birth	Married	Wife died	Sons	Daughters	
Washington	Martha Dandridge Custis	1732, Va.	1759	1802	_	_	
John Adams	Abigail Smith	1744, Mass.	1764	1818	3	2	
Jefferson <sup>2</sup>	Martha Wayles Skelton	1748, Va.	1772	1782	1	5	
Madison	Dorothy "Dolley" Payne Todd	1768, N.C.	1794	1849	_	_	
Monroe	Elizabeth "Eliza" Kortright	1768, N.Y.	1786	1830	_	2	
J. Q. Adams	Louisa Catherine Johnson	1775, England	1797	1852	3	1	
Jackson	Rachel Donelson Robards	1767, Va.	1791	1828	_	_	
Van Buren	Hannah Hoes	1788, N.Y.	1807	1819	4	_	
W. H. Harrison	Anna Symmes	1775, N.J.	1795	1864	6	4	
Tyler	Letitia Christian	1790, Va.	1813	1842	3	5	
	Julia Gardiner	1820, N.Y.	1844	1889	5	2	
Polk	Sarah Childress	1803, Tenn.	1824	1891	_	_	
Taylor	Margaret Smith	1788, Md.	1810	1852	1	5	
Fillmore	Abigail Powers	1798, N.Y.	1826	1853	1	1	
	Caroline Carmichael McIntosh	1813, N.J.	1858	1881	_	_	
Pierce	Jane Means Appleton	1806, N.H.	1834	1863	3	_	

Buchanan	(Unmarried)	_	_	_		_
Lincoln	Mary Todd	1818, Ky.	1842	1882	4	_
A. Johnson	Eliza McCardle	1810, Tenn.	1827	1876	3	2
Grant	Julia Dent	1826, Mo.	1848	1902	3	1
Hayes	Lucy Ware Webb	1831, Ohio	1852	1889	7	1
Garfield	Lucretia Rudolph	1832, Ohio	1858	1918	5	2
Arthur	Ellen Lewis Herndon	1837, Va.	1859	1880	2	1
Cleveland	Frances Folsom	1864, N.Y.	1886	1947	2	3
B. Harrison	Caroline Lavinia Scott	1832, Ohio	1853	1892	1	1
	Mary Scott Lord Dimmick	1858, Pa.	1896	1948	_	1
McKinley	Ida Saxton	1847, Ohio	1871	1907		2
T. Roosevelt	Alice Hathaway Lee	1861, Mass.	1880	1884	_	1
	Edith Kermit Carow	1861, Conn.	1886	1948	4	1
Taft	Helen Herron	1861, Ohio	1886	1943	2	1
Wilson	Ellen Louise Axson	1860, Ga.	1885	1914		3
	Edith Bolling Galt	1872, Va.	1915	1961		_
Harding	Florence Kling DeWolfe	1860, Ohio	1891	1924	_	_
Coolidge	Grace Anna Goodhue	1879, Vt.	1905	1957	2	_
Hoover	Lou Henry	1875, Iowa	1899	1944	2	_
F. D. Roosevelt	(Anna) Eleanor Roosevelt	1884, N.Y.	1905	1962	5	1
Truman	Bess Wallace	1885, Mo.	1919	1982		1

Eisenhower	Mamie Geneva Doud	1896, Iowa	1916	1979	2	_
Kennedy	Jacqueline Lee Bouvier	1929, N.Y.	1953	1994	2	1
L. B. Johnson	Claudia Alta "Lady Bird" Taylor	1912, Tex.	1934	_	_	2
Nixon	Thelma Catherine "Pat" Ryan	1912, Nev.	1940	1993	_	2
Ford	Elizabeth "Betty" Bloomer Warren	1918, Ill.	1948	_	3	1
Carter	Rosalynn Smith	1928, Ga.	1946	_	3	1
Reagan	Jane Wyman	1914, Mo.	1940 <sup>3</sup>	_	14	1
	Nancy Davis	1921, N.Y.	1952	_	1	1
G.H.W. Bush	Barbara Pierce	1925, N.Y.	1945	_	4	2
Clinton	Hillary Rodham	1947, Ill.	1975	_		1
G. W. Bush	Laura Welch	1946, Tex.	1977	_		2
Barack Obama	Michelle LaVaughn Robinson	1964, Illinois	1992	_		2

- 1. Includes children who died in infancy.
- 2. Number of children listed here reflects only children Jefferson had with Martha Wayles Skelton. Scientists and historians agree, based on DNA evidence, that Jefferson may have fathered at least one child with slave Sally Hemings.
- 3. Divorced in 1948.
- 4. Adopted.

Read more: <u>Wives and Children of the Presidents — Infoplease.com</u> http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0194051.html#ixzz1uxZv1Q8d

### Best Presidential Biographies (from a list compiled on the Good Reads website)

His Excellency: George Washington by Joseph Ellis

Washington: A Life by Ron Chernow

The Ascent of George Washington: The Hidden Political Genius of an American Icon by John Ferling

John Adams by David McCullough

Passionate Sage: The Character and Legacy of John Adams by Joseph J. Ellis

John Adams: A Life by John Ferling

John Adams by Page Smith

First Family: Abigail and John Adams by Joseph J. Ellis

Adams vs. Jefferson: The Tumultuous Election of 1800 by John Ferling American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson by Joseph J. Ellis

Thomas Jefferson: An Intimate History by Fawn M. Brodie James Madison (The American Presidents, #4) by Garry Wills

James Madison: A Biography by Ralph Ketcham

James Monroe: The Quest for National Identity by Harry Ammon

The Last Founding Father: James Monroe and a Nation's Call to Greatness by Harlow Giles Unger

John Quincy Adams: A Public Life, a Private Life by Paul C. Nagel

Arguing about Slavery: John Quincy Adams and the Great Battle in the United States Congress by William Lee Miller

Mr. Adams's Last Crusade: The Extraordinary Post-presidential Life of John Quincy Adams by Joseph Wheelan

American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House by Jon Meacham

Andrew Jackson: His Life and Times by H.W. Brands The Life of Andrew Jackson by Robert V. Remini

Andrew Jackson: The Course of American Empire, 1767-1821 by Robert V. Remini The Course of American Freedom, 1822-1832 (Andrew Jackson) by Robert V. Remini Andrew Jackson: The Course of American Democracy, 1833-1845 by Robert V. Remini

The Age of Jackson by Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.

John Tyler: The Accidental President by Edward P. Crapol

A Country of Vast Designs: James K. Polk, the Mexican War and the Conquest of the American Continent by Robert W. Merry

Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years by Carl Sandburg

Lincoln's Melancholy: How Depression Challenged a President and Fueled His Greatness by Joshua Wolf Shenk

Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography by Jean H. Baker

Lincoln by David Herbert Donald

With Malice Toward None: A Biography of Abraham Lincoln by Stephen B. Oates Abraham Lincoln and the Second American Revolution by James M. McPherson

The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery by Eric Foner

Abraham Lincoln by Thomas Keneally

Abraham Lincoln: The Man Behind the Myths by Stephen B. Oates

Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief by James M. McPherson

Dark Horse: The Surprise Election and Political Murder of President James A. Garfield by Kenneth D. Ackerman

The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt by Edmund Morris

Mornings on Horseback (T. Roosevelt) by David McCullough

Theodore Rex by Edmund Morris

The Defining Moment: FDR's Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope by Jonathan Alter

Eleanor and Franklin by Joseph P. Lash

No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt—the Home Front in World War II by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Truman by David McCullough

Eisenhower: Soldier, General of the Army, President-Elect, 1890-1952 by Stephen E. Ambrose

A Thousand Days: John F. Kennedy in the White House by Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.

Nixonland: American's Second Civil War and the Divisive Legacy of Richard Nixon, 1965-1972 by Rick Perlstein

Write It When I'm Gone (Gerald Ford) by Tom DeFrank The Age of Reagan: A History, 1974-2008 by Sean Wilentz

The Clinton Tapes: Wrestling History with the President by Taylor Branch

Decision Points by George W. Bush

Plan of Attack (George W. Bush) by Bob Woodward

Bush at War by Bob Woodward

State of Denial (George W. Bush) by Bob Woodward

The War Within: A Secret White House History, 2006-2008 (George W. Bush) by Bob Woodward

Renegade: The Making of a President (Barack Obama) by Richard Wolffe

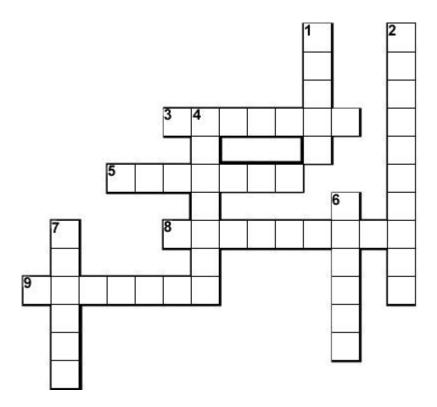
The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream by Barack Obama

Obama's Wars by Bob Woodward

Revival: The Struggle for Survival Inside the Obama White House by Richard Wolffe

Presidents of the United States: Biographies in Brief by Nathan Lee (for the 22 who aren't included on this list)

#### A Presidential Crossword Puzzle for Kids



#### **Across**

- 3. His First Lady is in the current administration
- 5. Was the youngest U.S. President and was shot in Dallas Texas
- 8. This president loved nature and most children in the U.S. have a toy bear named after him.
- 9. His wife was known as Lady Bird

#### Down

- 1. Was forced to resign because of the Watergate scandal
- 2. The first United States President
- 4. Was shot by John Wilkes Booth
- 6. Former actor
- 7. Had a large dam named after him

#### **Presidential Trivia Answers**

**01.** b. Quincy Adams (Adams kept his unusual pet in the East Room of the White House.) / **02.** a. William Harrison (President Harrison died on April 4,1841 of pneumonia, after only 30 days in office.) / 03. c. Ronald Reagan (President Reagan was 69, only a few days short of his 70th birthday at inauguration.) / 04. a. John F. Kennedy (President Kennedy was 43 years old at his inauguration, making him the youngest elected president; however, Theodore Roosevelt was actually the youngest to become president (42) when he succeeded President McKinley who had been assassinated.) / 05. c. James Madison (President Madison was 5'4" making him the shortest president in history. Benjamin Harrison and Martin Van Buren followed closely at 5'6".) / 06. a. Dolley Madison (This term was first used in 1849 by Zachary Taylor at the state funeral of Dolley Madison. The term was later popularized in 1877 when the title was given to Lucy Ware Webb Hayes.) / 07. b. 4 (Presidents Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, Kennedy were all assassinated while in office.) / 08. a. 6 (Presidents Jackson, T. Roosevelt, F. Roosevelt, Truman, Ford, Reagan all had unsuccessful attempts on their lives.) / 09. d. Calvin Coolidge (President Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872.) / 10. b. \$25,000 (President Washington received \$25,000 a year for his duties compared at the current presidential salary of \$400,000.) / 11. a. Thomas Woodrow Wilson / 12. d. Grover Cleveland / 13. c. John Tyler (President Tyler had fifteen children from two separate marriages, fathering his last child when he was 70 years old, just two years before his death.) / 14. d. James Buchanan (After a broken engagement and the subsequent death of his former fiancee, Buchanan vowed to never marry.) / 15. b. Ronald Reagan (It is said that President Reagan earned this nickname due to his ability to avoid blame during scandals.) / 16. a. Gerald Ford (Ford was appointed vice-president when Spiro Agnew resigned. He was the first person ever to be appointed to the vice presidency. He later became president when Richard Nixon resigned his office on August 9, 1974.) / 17. d. Grover Cleveland (President Cleveland served his first term from 1885-89 and his second term from 1893-97, following President Benjamin Harrison's stint in office.) / 18. a. Thomas Jefferson (President Bush made this comment at a ceremony commemorating the 265th birthday of President Jefferson.) / 19. b. Abigail Fillmore (First Lady Fillmore had the bathtub installed during her husband's 1850-53 term in office.) / 20. c. James Madison / 21. d. Martin Van Buren (President Van Buren was born December 5, 1782 in Kinderhook, New York. He was the first president to be born an American citizen. He was also the first president to have Dutch, rather than English, as his first language.) / 22. c. Andrew Johnson (President Johnson was impeached twice. The first was in 1867, which was simply a list of complaints. In 1868, the accusation was that President Johnson had violated the Tenure of Office Act when he removed Edward Stanton as Secretary of War and replaced him with Lorenzo Thomas. In both cases, the Senate could not come up with the two-thirds majority needed to convict so Johnson was acquitted of all charges.) / 23. b. Theodore Roosevelt (President Roosevelt was given the prize in 1906 for arbitrating the end of the Russo-Japanese War.) / 24. a. Martin Van Buren (President Van Buren was nicknamed "Old Kinderhook" after his hometown. This was later shortened to O.K. and the phrase "It's OK" was born. This eventually evolved to the official work "okay".) / 25. c. Dwight D. Eisenhower (President Eisenhower loved to cook and is known for his recipe for vegetable soup which can be found online if you wish to try it.) / 26. a. William Clinton (President Clinton played in a trio called "Three Blind Mice".) / 27. d. John F. Kennedy / 28. c. James (Six Presidents had the first name James including: Presidents Madison, Monroe, Polk, Buchanan, Garfield, and Carter (although inaugurated officially using the name "Jimmy"). The next most common name is "John" with four presidents bearing this name including: Adams, Ouincy Adams, Tyler and Kennedy.) / 29. b. James Buchanan (President Buchanan received a herd of elephants as a gift from the King of Siam. He also had a pair of bald eagles and a dog.) / 30. b. Herbert C. Hoover