

The Presidents of the United States

Your task: to memorize the Presidents of the United States. All of them!

The Reasons why:

- *To establish a chronology of Administrations*
- *So that you can use the Key Dates of their years in office as a scaffolding for “change over time”*
- *To impress people at parties*

What to include:

- *Name of the president*
- *Political Party*
- *Year first elected (remember to use ELECTION year, not the inauguration year.)*
- *Number of terms served. (If resigned office due to turmoil or death, indicated that and the name of the vice-pres who succeeded him.)*
- *Major events and zeitgeist during term(s) of office.*
 - *Domestic contentment*
 - *Overall economic stability*
 - *Foreign Policy*

How to organize:

- *Use 4X6 inch Index Cards*
- *Suggestion: Use a different color for each Political Party*
- *Write the name, dates (terms served), and party on one side of the card*
- *On the other side of the card, list the major events and zeitgeist summaries. Use dates as appropriate, e.g. “The Panic of 1837”*
 - *Suggestion: make three columns - one for each category*
 - *Suggestion: leave space for an overall evaluation of the presidency.*