



# PROJECT POTUS<sup>TM</sup>

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Since the founding of our nation, there have been nearly half a billion American citizens. Of those, over 12,000 of us have served in Congress. Just 115 have become Supreme Court Justices. Only 45 citizens have become President of the United States. There's something exceptional about each POTUS- good, bad, or otherwise. We want your help to tell the world why... in one minute or less.

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## YOUR MISSION:

Research one of the 45 American Presidents, and create a video one minute or less that shares the information you discovered.

You may want to...

1. Determine the years the President served in office (term/s)
2. Identify the political party that nominated the President
3. Discover major actions the President took in office
4. Were they re-elected/died/denied?
5. Find out what your President's personality was like
6. Add some things you learned about the President that are "stranger than fiction" or extraordinary in some way
7. Identify what the President is most remembered for now (legacy)

**BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN!**



"Great lives do not go out, they go on."\*

## HOW WILL YOUR MISSION BE EVALUATED?

The Presidential Site will be looking for videos that creatively represent the president chosen, and include fact-based historical information. Once you complete your project, visit [judgify.me/projectpotus](http://judgify.me/projectpotus) to submit your work for the chance to win awards. Here are 5 components that the Presidential Site Jury will consider in each video project:



### FUNDAMENTALS

Video includes some of the 'basics' about the president portrayed, in order to provide general context.



### ACCURATE HISTORICAL CONTENT

No fake news! Information presented must come from factual, history based sources. Must include and cite at least one primary source, by mentioning the source or using a citation format.



### STRONG VISUALS

Overall visual presentation demonstrates effort to share content in a compelling way.



### CREATIVITY

Video uses creativity in storytelling, impersonation, original art, humor, or makes use of other methods.



### PRESIDENTIAL LEGACY

Why does the president's life "go on?" Video content speaks to this question in some way.

\*POTUS brief: This quote comes from President Benjamin Harrison's eulogy of another American president, Ulysses S. Grant. The quote can be found on a monument to Harrison located in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana.



## 4 ERAS OF POTUS

1789-1861, Washington-Lincoln

1865-1901, Johnson-McKinley

1901-1961, Roosevelt-Eisenhower

1961-today, Kennedy-Biden

# PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIONS

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. George Washington      | 25. William McKinley      |
| 2. John Adams             | 26. Theodore Roosevelt    |
| 3. Thomas Jefferson       | 27. William Howard Taft   |
| 4. James Madison          | 28. Woodrow Wilson        |
| 5. James Monroe           | 29. Warren G. Harding     |
| 6. John Quincy Adams      | 30. Calvin Coolidge       |
| 7. Andrew Jackson         | 31. Herbert Hoover        |
| 8. Martin Van Buren       | 32. Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| 9. William Henry Harrison | 33. Harry S. Truman       |
| 10. John Tyler            | 34. Dwight D. Eisenhower  |
| 11. James K. Polk         | 35. John F. Kennedy       |
| 12. Zachary Taylor        | 36. Lyndon B. Johnson     |
| 13. Millard Fillmore      | 37. Richard Nixon         |
| 14. Franklin Pierce       | 38. Gerald Ford           |
| 15. James Buchanan        | 39. Jimmy Carter          |
| 16. Abraham Lincoln       | 40. Ronald Reagan         |
| 17. Andrew Johnson        | 41. George H.W. Bush      |
| 18. Ulysses S. Grant      | 42. Bill Clinton          |
| 19. Rutherford B. Hayes   | 43. George W. Bush        |
| 20. James A. Garfield     | 44. Barack Obama          |
| 21. Chester A. Arthur     | 45. Donald Trump          |
| 22. Grover Cleveland      | 46. Joe Biden*            |
| 23. Benjamin Harrison     |                           |
| 24. Grover Cleveland      |                           |

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\*POTUS BRIEF: Note that though there are 46 administrations, only 45 individuals have been a POTUS. Grover Cleveland (22 and 24) is the only president with two non-consecutive terms.