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AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL:
High school teachers
& students

OPERATION:
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MISSION BRIEF:

Over 90,000 days have passed since the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America. The first President of the United States took office more than 86,000 days ago. Change doesn't happen overnight, but it only takes one day to make history.

For the presidents of the United States, one day can be enough to chart a new course, reshape a perspective, or throw the world into disarray. One day can define a legacy. We need your help to tell the story of one consequential day in the life of a president...

IN 90 SECONDS OR LESS.

YOUR TASK:

Do research, & create a video, **90 seconds or less**, that tells the story of one momentous day in the life of an American President. **Use at least three primary sources** to help with your research or use in your video project. (Learn more about primary source research using resources at ProjectPOTUS.org)

You can choose to highlight ANY DAY during a president's life. The project should cover the story of that day, and can discuss what led to the day or came after, and how it affected the president or the larger story of American History.

Entries will be reviewed for awards consideration by Project POTUS HQ & a qualified panel - the Citizen Jury. Out of all qualifying entries, 1 video per president will win. All 2026 student winners will earn a prize ranging from the \$250 Presidential Award to the \$1500 Grand Prize.

Review the official Project POTUS rules and the updated AI policy for 2026 to ensure that your submission is eligible for awards.



OPERATION DETAILS:

Students can submit an entry to Project POTUS HQ at judgify.me/projectpotus beginning Election Day, November 4, 2025. The deadline for contest submissions is 11:59pm on Presidents Day, February 16, 2026. As you begin *researching the president of your choice, consider the following questions.

- Learn about your chosen POTUS more generally - what was their life before, during, and after the presidency like?
- What major events or changes happened during the president's life?
- Think about what days stick out to you from a chosen president's life - whether they're related to careers, family, their administration, a hobby, a passion of theirs, etc.
- What was your President's personality like? How did it impact their time in the White House?
- Track down [primary sources](#) like speeches, letters, and photographs from the time of the presidency you're investigating. What can they tell you about your chosen POTUS?

BE CREATIVE & HAVE FUN!

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*POTUS BRIEF: Always double check the information you use, especially for the spelling of names and the accuracy of dates. Use recommended sources like the [Miller Center](#), the [American Presidency Project](#), the [Library of Congress](#), the [National Archives](#), the [Smithsonian Learning Lab](#), [White House Historical Association](#), [New American History](#), and others.