Junior Scholastic ELECTION 2004

SCHOLASTIC DEMOCRACY For Kids

Presidents Since 1945

Which states have produced the most Presidents? What kind of political experience do most Presidents have? The table below gives this information.

U.S Presidents Since 1945

Name	Presidency	Born	Birthplace	Party	College/ Education	Prior office	Died
Harry S. Truman	1945-1953	1884	Lamar, Mo.	Dem.	Independence High School	Vice President	1972
Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953-1961	1890	Denison, Tex.	Rep.	U.S. Military Academy	Commander of NATO forces	1969
John F. Kennedy	1961-1963	1917	Brookline, Mass.	Dem.	Harvard University	U.S. Senator	1963
Lyndon B. Johnson	1963-1969	1908	Stonewall, Tex.	Dem.	Southwest Texas State Teachers College	Vice President	1973
Richard M. Nixon	1969-1974	1913	Yorba Linda, Calif.	Rep.	Whittier College	Vice President	1994
Gerald R. Ford	1974-1977	1913	Omaha, Neb.	Rep.	University of Michigan	Vice President	
Jimmy Carter	1977-1981	1924	Plains, Ga.	Dem.	U.S. Naval Academy	Georgia Governor	
Ronald Reagan	1981-1989	1911	Tampico, Ill.	Rep.	Eureka College	California Governor	2004
George H.W. Bush	1989-1993	1924	Milton, Mass.	Rep.	Yale University	Vice President	
Bill Clinton	1993-2001	1946	Hope, Ark.	Dem.	Georgetown University	Arkansas Governor	
George W. Bush	2001-present	1946	New Haven, Conn.	Rep.	Yale University	Texas Governor	

Questions

1. Which two Presidents listed above attended military academies? _____
2. Who was the youngest person to be elected President? _____
3. Who was the oldest person to be elected President? _____
4. Since 1981, most Presidents have been from which political party? _____
5. Which political office has been the most common previous job among the Presidents since 1945?

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6. How many former Governors became U.S. President? _____
7. Since 1945, two states have each been the birthplace of two Presidents. What are those states?

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8. Since 1945, which father and son were both elected President? _____
9. Why do you think former Vice Presidents or Governors are more likely to become President?

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10. What personal and professional qualifications should a presidential candidate have? Why?

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ANSWERS: 1. President Eisenhower attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and President Carter studied at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. 2. John F. Kennedy; 3. Ronald Reagan; 4. Republican Party; 5. Vice President; 6. Four—Presidents Carter, Reagan, Clinton, and George W. Bush; 7. Texas (Eisenhower and Johnson) and Massachusetts (Kennedy and George H.W. Bush); 8. George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush; 9. Answers may vary. 10. Answers will vary.