

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT - KEY

1. What are the duties of an American president? Name a few. **commander of the armed forces, signs bills, meets leaders from other countries**
2. How often does a presidential election take place? **every 4 years**
3. What must a person be to become president ? **at least 35 years old, must have lived in the US for at least 14 years, must be born in the US**
4. How often was Franklin D. Roosevelt elected president? **4 times**
5. What happens if a president vetoes a bill ? **it goes back to Congress where it needs a two thirds majority**
6. Name the three branches of government: **legislative, executive, judicial**
7. Where does a president mostly work when he is in the White House? **the Oval Office**
8. What is Camp David ? **place in Maryland where a president spends holidays and weekends**
9. The president's official plane is called **Air Force One**
10. How do you become a Supreme Court judge ? **you are appointed by the president**
11. The House of Representatives has **435** members and the Senate has **100** members, **2** from each state.
12. What are primaries ? **state elections to decide who will become a presidential candidate**
13. What is the Electoral College? **people from each state who vote for a president indirectly**
14. Why do some people say that the Electoral College system is unfair? **winner takes all system, a candidate can receive more votes from the people and still lose the election**
15. Which state has the largest number of electors ? **California**
16. What happens on January 20th after an election year ? **a president takes office, Inauguration Day**
17. How did George Washington grow up ? **worked on his parents plantation, liked to explore the wilderness**
18. Who did George Washington defeat ? **the British**
19. What was Abraham Lincoln's greatest achievement ? **he abolished slavery**
20. Why did the southern states break away from the US in the Civil War ? **they needed slaves on their farms**
21. How did Lincoln die ? **he was murdered in a theatre**
22. How did Franklin D. Roosevelt spend most of his life ? **in a wheelchair**
23. Who did Roosevelt meet towards the end of the war ? **Joseph Stalin and Winston Churchill**
24. Where did the Kennedy family come from ? **Ireland**
25. How did John F. Kennedy serve his country in World War II? **in the navy as a boat commander**
26. Which major crisis did Kennedy have to deal with? **the Soviets put up missiles in Cuba**
27. How did JFK's term end ? **he was assassinated in Dallas, Texas in 1963**