

# Practice Presidents Questions

**(6 points)** I served in early American wars against the Indians. I twice resigned my commission to enter into politics. After I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, I was accused of misusing public money while in the Army. A House investigating committee found the charge false, and I was later elected to the U.S. Senate. I resigned this seat to accept an appointment as the first U.S. Minister to Colombia.

**(4 points)** My presidential campaign was the first to attempt a broad emotional appeal to the mass of American voters. Slogans, songs, and huge rallies dominated my party's campaign. To prove I was not too old or weak for the job, I gave 23 lengthy speeches.

**(2 points)** I served the shortest term of any President in American history.

**(6 points)** Most of my life, I lived in a large mansion that I designed myself.



**(4 points)** North American Indians and the question of where they came from fascinated me. I sent my secretary Meriwether Lewis on his journey to the West. I told him to learn about the origin of Indian languages.



**(2 points)** I am credited with inventing the swivel chair, a clock that kept track of the days of the week, the lazy Susan, and the revolving book stand (pictured).



**(6 points)** I desegregated the White House staff, which started a desegregation of the federal government that lasted until World War I. I opened the White House to African-American callers, notably Frederick Douglass. Among the names that became famous while I was president were George Meade, Thomas Jackson, and Philip Sheridan.

**(4 points)** I am the one of the most-quoted presidents. Among my sayings were: “Common-looking people are the best in the world: that is why the Lord makes so many of them.” “A house divided cannot stand.” “The ballot is stronger than the bullet.” “Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.”

**(2 points)** When I learned the presidential election results at the telegraph office in Springfield, I ran home, crying, “Mary, Mary, we are elected!” We were living in the house pictured at the right.



**(6 points)** I took office at a seemingly peaceful time in history, but peace was not to last long and I endured a troubled administration. I had a career in the state legislature, Congress, and the Senate. I did not actively seek the presidency but was accepted as a compromise candidate.



**(4 points)** I am often referred to as the most handsome president. However, heavy drinking over many years undermined my health, and I died from cirrhosis of the liver. My minister to Mexico, James Gadsden, negotiated a land acquisition which completed the outline of the 48 contiguous states.

**(2 points)** I was the first president born in the nineteenth century.

**(6 points)** As a boy, I wanted to follow my older half-brother Laurence and fight pirates at sea. In my 20s, I moved to a large estate. I presided over a workforce of hundreds of slaves.



**(4 points)** My wife dressed like a queen, wearing a high-crowned headdress. She never corrected those who called her “Lady President.” The six white horses in the my stables had their teeth brushed every morning on my orders.

**(2 points)** I had one remaining tooth at the time of my inauguration. During my lifetime, I wore dentures made of human, cow, or hippopotamus teeth, or ivory or lead, but I never wore wooden teeth.

**(6 points)** I opposed attempts by Indian tribes to establish themselves as independent nations within Georgia and Alabama. During my second term, Congress created the Indian Territory which eventually became the state of Oklahoma.

**(4 points)** One commentator wrote about the contrast between me as the future president and my wife as we danced at a ball: “To see these two figures, ... a long, haggard man, with limbs like a skeleton, and [his wife], a soft, fat dumpling...” She had grown into an extremely stout woman whose religious views bordered on fanaticism.



**(2 points)** I fled through a window after a mob of well-wishers stormed the White House during the traditional inaugural open house, ruining furniture and breaking china in their eagerness to see him. The Whig Party was created in opposition to me. Even my old friend Davy Crockett broke with me while serving in Congress.