

Practice Presidents Questions

(6 points) I never made an A at Harvard. However, I did play several sports there. My senior thesis, “Appeasement at Munich,” was later published as *Why England Slept*. The book was a success mainly because my daddy bought 30,000 copies. He is shown in the picture with my older brother.

(4 points) One of the achievements I’m most proud of is the establishment of the Peace Corps. It was an important part of my New Frontier program. Communist Cuba was a big problem during my presidency.

(2 points) Perhaps my most famous saying was, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.” I said this line during my only Inaugural Address. My successor as president was sworn in on an airplane.



(6 points) My administration negotiated a treaty with Panama that called for the canal to be controlled by Panama after 1999. I also helped Israel and Egypt negotiate the first treaty between those countries. Another one of my achievements as president was the deregulation of the airlines.

(4 points) I was the first president born in a hospital. I appointed the first African-American woman to a presidential cabinet. Patricia Harris became the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. I later moved her to Housing and Urban Development.



(2 points) I lost my bid for reelection. The weak economy and the hostage crisis in Iran were major factors in my defeat. I am the only president who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy.

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(6 points) I held several important positions before becoming president. I served in the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, envoy to China, and director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).



(4 points) I celebrated my 75th birthday by parachuting from an airplane over my presidential library at Texas A&M University. I dedicated the jump to my two World War II crewmates who didn't survive an emergency bail-out when the Navy plane I piloted crash landed.

(2 points) I played on the baseball team at Yale University. I played in the first College World Series, where I got to meet the great Babe Ruth. My wife Barbara and I attended the 2010 World Series between the Texas Rangers and the San Francisco Giants. One of our sons was once a part owner of the Rangers.



(6 points) The young man pictured at the left, John Hinckley, tried to assassinate me. He fired several shots at me as I left a hotel in downtown Washington. One of the bullets punctured my lung. Fortunately, prompt medical attention saved my life.

(4 points) My first wife, Jane Wyman, won an Academy Award. My First Lady was also an actress when she was younger. I appointed the first woman to the Supreme Court, Sandra Day O'Connor (pictured).



(2 points) I entered politics in California where I was an actor. I became governor of the state. I served two full terms in the White House. The man who was my vice president succeeded me as president.

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(6 points) This picture shows the scene after the bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City during my third year as president. Another tragic event occurred in Waco TX. Federal officers ended a 51-day standoff against a religious cult. Fires destroyed the compound and killed 75 people.

(4 points) I graduated from Georgetown University, then attended Oxford University in England. I met my future First Lady at Yale Law School.

(2 points) When I was born, I was given a different last name from the one I used as an adult. I entered politics in my native state in the South. My vice president, Al Gore, tried to succeed me as president but lost.



(6 points) The Korean War ended while I lived in the White House. In the landmark case *Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka*, the Supreme Court ruled that “separate but equal” schools for black and white children were unconstitutional.

(4 points) Among the places my wife Mamie and I lived during our marriage were Texas, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, the Panama Canal Zone, and the Philippines. Later, I lived in England during an important period of my life. However, she didn’t join me there.

(2 points) My middle name was David. The first time I ran for political office was when I ran for president. I was the first president to reach age 70 while in office.

