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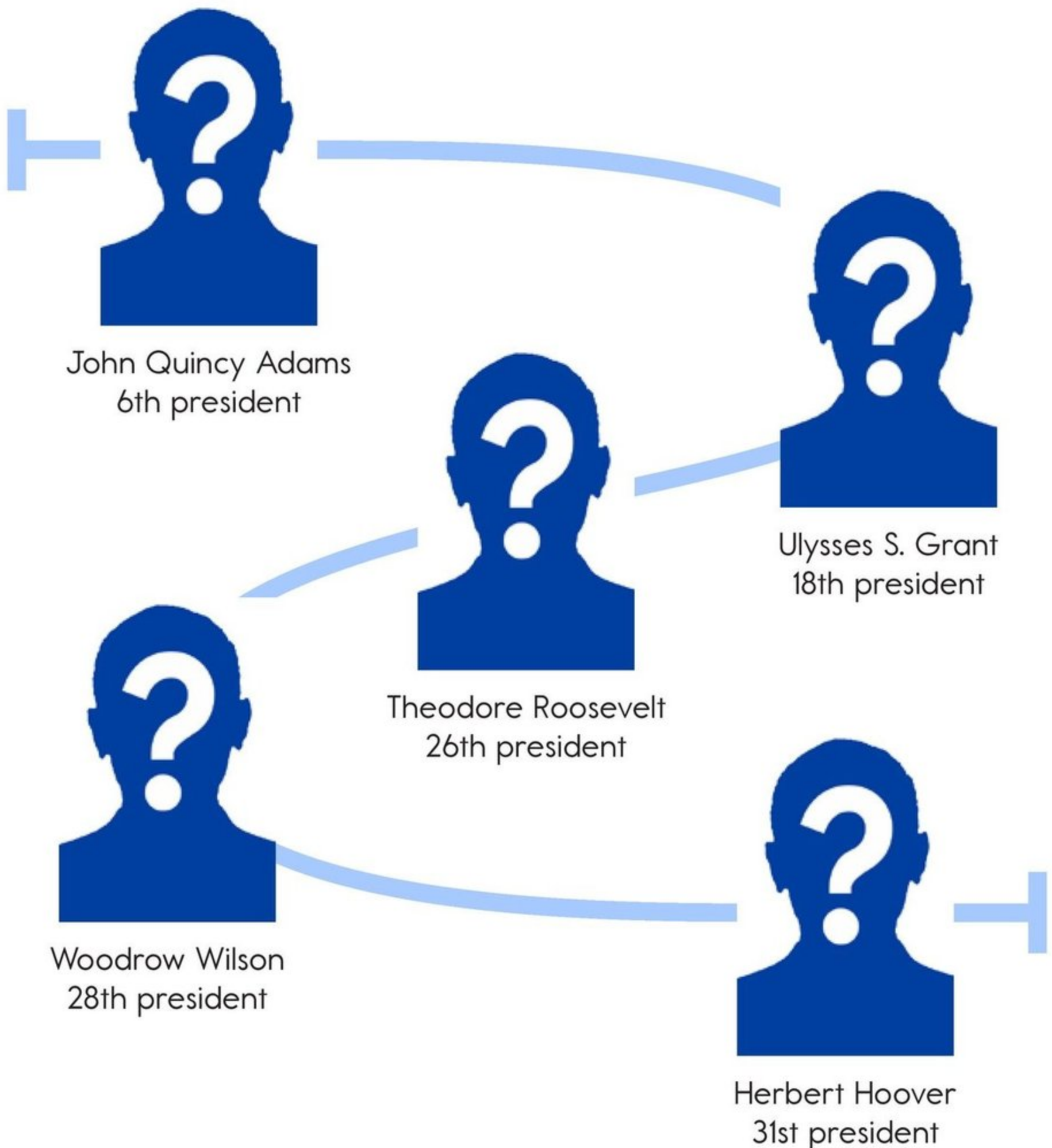
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U.S. Presidents in This Book



Guess That President

You never know who will be **president** one day. Here are some stories of kids who grew up to become president. Can you guess which president each story is about?



Sick Child

He was often sick as a boy and could not go to school. He was taught at home. He made himself strong by playing outside the house and boxing.



Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt (president 1901–1909)

When he grew up, Teddy Roosevelt still loved the outdoor life. He hunted and fished. He took long hikes. He went to new places.



Lost Both Parents

This boy's parents had both died by the time he was nine. He worked in gold **mines** as a young man. He became rich from his work before he turned forty.



Herbert Hoover (president 1929-1933)

Herbert Hoover did not take any money for being president. He gave the money to help others.



Late Reader

This president did not learn to read until he was eleven. He grew up to be a teacher. He went on to run a **college**.



Woodrow Wilson (president 1913–1921)

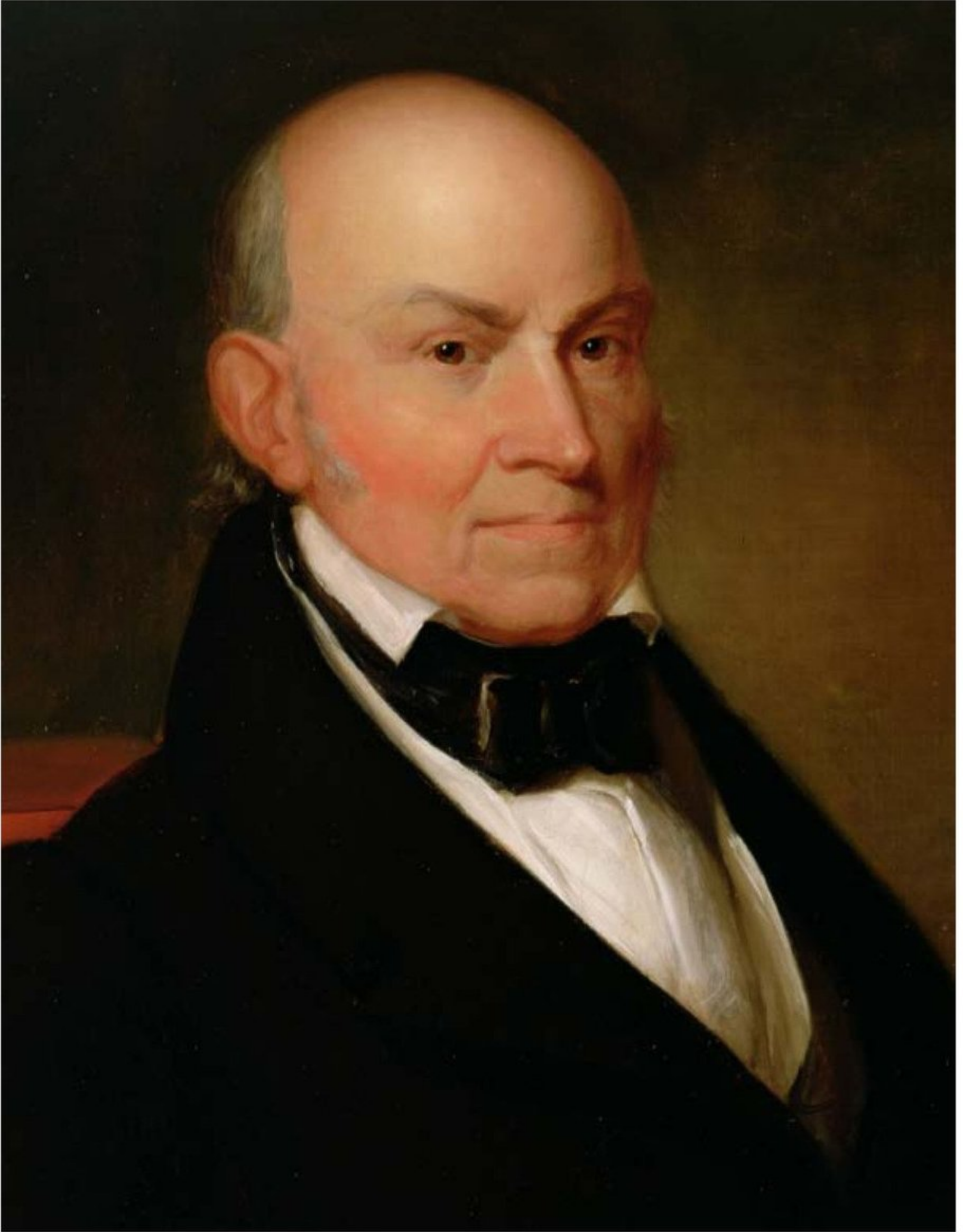
Though he learned to read at a late age, Woodrow Wilson was very smart. He started a group that helped countries work out their problems instead of going to war.



World Traveler

This boy spent many years growing up outside the United States.

When he was only fourteen, he went to **Russia** on a job for the U.S. **government**.



John Quincy Adams (president 1825–1829)

John Quincy Adams worked for the government his whole life. He was the son of another U.S. president, John Adams.



Good with Horses

When he was only nine, farmers paid him to train their horses. He set a horse-jumping record at his college.



Ulysses S. Grant (president 1869–1877)

Ulysses S. Grant was a famous **general** in the army before he became president. When he was a young man, he wanted to be a math teacher.



Do You Know?

The president of the United States must be at least 35 years old. The youngest person to become president was Theodore Roosevelt at age 42. The oldest person to become president was Ronald Reagan. Reagan was almost 70 when he took office in 1981.

Glossary

college (<i>n.</i>)	a school of higher learning that follows high school (p. 9)
general (<i>n.</i>)	a high-ranking officer in the army, air force, or marine corps (p. 14)
government (<i>n.</i>)	a group of people who have the power to make and enforce laws for a country or area (p. 11)
mines (<i>n.</i>)	places where minerals are taken from the ground by digging or blasting (p. 7)
president (<i>n.</i>)	the leader of the government in some countries (p. 4)
Russia (<i>n.</i>)	the largest country in the world, located in both Europe and Asia (p. 11)

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Front cover: Harry S. Truman at age 15.
Back cover: Jimmy Carter petting a baby horse.
Title page: Theodore Roosevelt trains as a boxer while at Harvard University.
Page 3: Gerald Ford plays with one of his dogs.

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