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The President of the United States is the head of state and head of government of the United States. The president is responsible for enforcing the laws of the United States, commanding the armed forces, and conducting foreign policy. The president is also the leader of the federal government and the chief executive of the United States.

Biographies of the Presidents of the United States

The following is a list of the Presidents of the United States, along with their dates of service and a brief biography:

- George Washington (1789-1797): Washington was the first President
 of the United States and is considered to be the "Father of His
 Country." He led the Continental Army to victory in the American
 Revolutionary War and played a key role in the drafting and ratification
 of the Constitution.
- John Adams (1797-1801): Adams was the second President of the United States and is known for his role in the XYZ Affair and the Alien and Sedition Acts. He was also the first president to live in the White House.
- Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809): Jefferson was the third President of the United States and is known for his authorship of the Declaration of Independence. He also doubled the size of the United States with the Louisiana Purchase.
- James Madison (1809-1817): Madison was the fourth President of the United States and is known for his role in the War of 1812. He also signed the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the war.
- James Monroe (1817-1825): Monroe was the fifth President of the United States and is known for his Monroe Doctrine, which declared that the Americas were off-limits to European colonization.
- John Quincy Adams (1825-1829): Adams was the sixth President of the United States and is known for his role in the Panama Congress.
 He also signed the Treaty of Ghent, which ended the War of 1812.
- Andrew Jackson (1829-1837): Jackson was the seventh President of the United States and is known for his role in the Indian Removal Act.
 He also vetoed the Bank of the United States and signed the Tariff of 1832.

- Martin Van Buren (1837-1841): Van Buren was the eighth President of the United States and is known for his role in the Panic of 1837. He also signed the Independent Treasury Act, which separated the government from the banking system.
- William Henry Harrison (1841): Harrison was the ninth President of the United States, but he died of pneumonia just 31 days after taking office.
- **John Tyler** (1841-1845): Tyler was the tenth President of the United States and is known for his veto of the National Bank Bill. He also signed the Treaty of Webster-Ashburton, which settled the border dispute between the United States and Canada.
- James K. Polk (1845-1849): Polk was the eleventh President of the United States and is known for his role in the Mexican-American War. He also signed the Oregon Treaty, which established the border between the United States and Canada.
- Zachary Taylor (1849-1850): Taylor was the twelfth President of the United States, but he died of cholera just 16 months after taking office.
- Millard Fillmore (1850-1853): Fillmore was the thirteenth President of the United States and is known for his role in the Compromise of 1850.
 He also signed the Fugitive Slave Act, which made it a crime to help a runaway slave.
- Franklin Pierce (1853-1857): Pierce was the fourteenth President of the United States and is known for his role in the Gadsden Purchase.
 He also signed the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which allowed slavery in the territories of Kansas and Nebraska.

- James Buchanan (1857-1861): Buchanan was the fifteenth President of the United States and is known for his role in the secession of the Southern states. He also signed the Dred Scott decision, which ruled that African Americans were not citizens of the United States.
- Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865): Lincoln was the sixteenth President of the United States and is known for his role in the American Civil War.
 He also signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed the slaves in the Confederate states.
- Andrew Johnson (1865-1869): Johnson was the seventeenth President of the United States and is known for his role in the Reconstruction of the South. He also signed the Civil Rights Act of 1866, which granted African Americans the right to vote.
- Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877): Grant was the eighteenth President of the United States and is known for his role in the Reconstruction of the South. He also signed the Enforcement Acts, which protected the rights of African Americans.
- Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881): Hayes was the nineteenth
 President of the United States and is known for his role in the
 Compromise of 1877. He also signed the Bland-Allison Act, which required the government to purchase silver.
- James A. Garfield (1881): Garfield was the twentieth President of the United States, but he was assassinated just 200 days after taking office.
- Chester A. Arthur (1881-1885): Arthur was the twenty-first President of the United States and is known for his role in the Civil Service

Reform Act. He also signed the Pendleton Act, which established the civil service system.

- **Grover Cleveland** (1885-1889 and 1893-1897): Cleveland was the twenty-second and twenty-fourth President of the United States. He is known for his opposition to tariffs and his support for the gold standard.
- Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893): Harrison was the twenty-third President of the United States and is known for his role in the Sherman Antitrust Act. He also signed the McKinley Tariff, which raised tariffs on imported goods.
- William McKinley (1897-19



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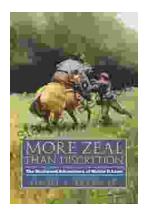
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