

# Grading the Presidents



Franklin Roosevelt is widely considered one of the greatest Presidents the United States has ever had. Since his death, how have his successors done in office? Based on the Roles of the Presidency, you will place the Presidents in one of the five letter grade categories (A,B,C,D,F) after considering how they did during their years in office. In your research, look for specific Presidential actions or inactions that support the grade you choose for each President. You will document three specific pieces of evidence for each President. The reasons should directly reflect the eight roles of the Presidency.

Here are the last 12 U.S. Presidents:

Trump (2017-2021)  
Obama (2009-2017)  
Bush (2001-2009)  
Clinton (1993-2001)  
Bush (1989-1993)  
Reagan (1981-1989)  
Carter (1977-1981)  
Ford (1974-1977)  
Nixon (1969-1974)  
Johnson (1963-1969)  
Kennedy (1961-1963)  
Eisenhower (1953-1961)

## The Roles of the Presidency

Commander in Chief  
Economic Planner  
Head of States  
Chief Executive  
Crisis Manager  
Chief Diplomat  
Chief Legislator  
Party Leader



EX: Andrew Jackson – Overall Grade C

*Evidence*

- Failed, with intent, to execute the Supreme Court's Decision in *Worcester v. Georgia* which led to the Trail of Tears (Chief Executive)
- Succeeded in representing the common man in his fight against the national bank and defeating the re-charter with his veto power (Chief Legislator)
- Failed in numerous attempts to get the Electoral College abolished, which was a key legislative goal of his (Chief Legislator)