



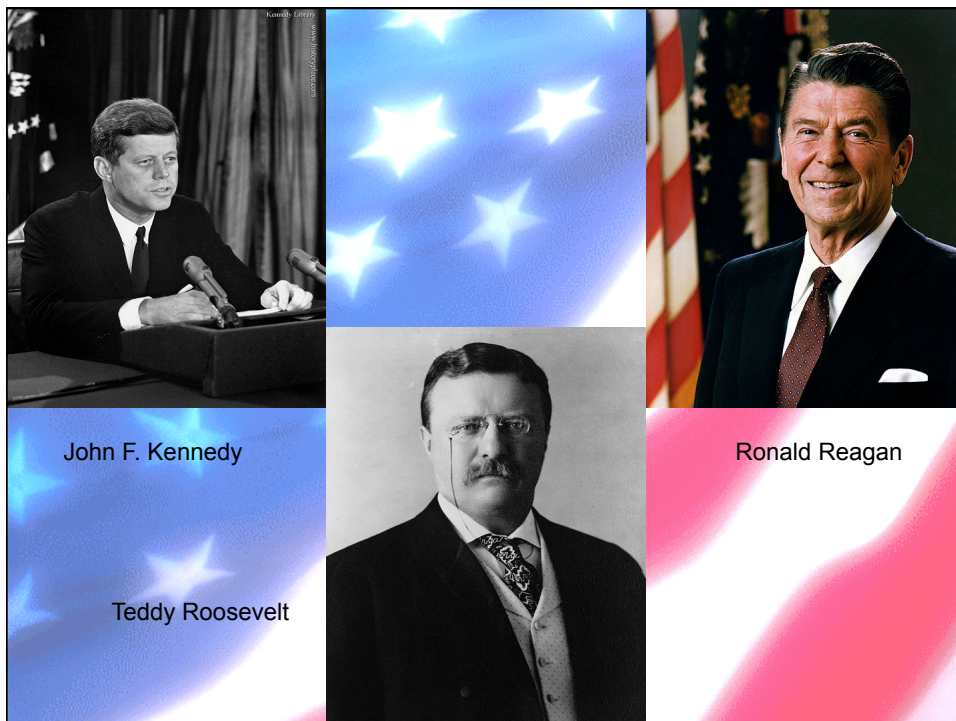
Presidential Qualification #1



- Constitution says in Article 2, Section 1, “No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution...”
- You must be a natural born citizen
 - What does “natural born” mean?
 - Do you think that we shouldn’t have any foreign born presidents?
 - Eight presidents were born British subjects, so why did they become president?

Presidential Qualification #2

- Constitution says in Article 2, Section 1, “... neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years...”
- You must be at least 35 years old
 - Why did the Framers put this qualification in the Constitution?
 - Who was the youngest President?
 - Who was the oldest President?



Presidential Qualification #3

- Constitution says in Article 2, Section 1, “...and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.”
- You must live in the U.S. for 14 years
 - Why would the Framers put this qualification in the Constitution?

CAN THEY BE PRESIDENT?

- Thirty-year old from New Jersey who has been a Senator for four-years already.
- Seventy-six year old former House of Representatives member.
- Thirty-seven year old Governor of California who was a famous actor after moving from his birth country of Austria.
- Thirty-five year old business woman from North Carolina.
- Forty-nine year old military general stationed in Iraq for the past four years and who was born on a U.S. military base in Germany after WWII.

Presidential Term Limit

- The Constitution sets the term at four years; it didn't originally limit the number of terms to two
- George Washington established the tradition of only serving two terms
- 22nd Amendment (1951) limits the President to having a maximum of two 4-year terms or a maximum of 10 years



Pros/Cons of a Four-Year Term Limit

- It's a protection from a dictatorship
- It's undemocratic because it places a limit on the right of the people to decide who should be President



Presidential Compensation (Pay/Benefits)

- \$400,000
- \$50,000 expense allowance
- White House
- Offices and staff
- 5 full-time chefs
- Secret service
- Automobiles
- Air Force One
- Helicopters
- Camp David
- Free medical and dental insurance



Informal Qualifications

- What are some characteristics that you believe all Presidents should have?



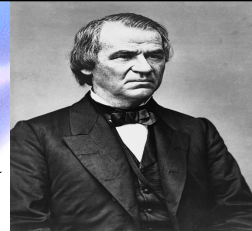
Informal Qualifications

- What are other qualities or characteristics of an ideal president?
 - Intelligent
 - Honest
 - Outgoing
 - Good speaker
 - Friendly
 - Good listener
 - Hard worker
 - Empathetic



Informal Qualifications

- College
 - Andrew Johnson never went to school
- Lawyer
 - 20/44 have been lawyers, including Obama
- Military Experience
 - Only the following never had military experience:
John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Martin Van Buren, Grover Cleveland, William Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama



Informal Qualifications

- Experience in Government
 - Only Zachary Taylor had not served in government prior to being president
- Protestant
 - Only John F. Kennedy wasn't Protestant
- Married
 - Only James Buchanan wasn't married
- White
 - Only Barack Obama is black
- Male
 - No females have ever been President or Vice-President

