

# Political Parties

# Whigs 1834-54

## **Characteristics:**

Oppose Democrats

Split into factions

## **Leaders:**

Henry Clay

Daniel Webster

# Democrats 1828-Present

## **Characteristics:**

Control Fed government till 1860

Southern, Slavery

## **Leaders:**

Andrew Jackson

John C. Calhoun

Stephen Douglas

# Liberty

1839-1844

## **Characteristics:**

Abolition of Slavery

## **Leaders:**

James Birney

# Free Soil 1848-1854

## **Characteristics:**

Opposed slavery in Western Territory  
Composed of Liberty, Whigs, Dem

## **Leaders:**

Martin Van Buren

# Know-Nothings 1849-1860

## **Characteristics:**

Anti-Immigrant, Anti-Catholic

## **Leaders:**

Millard Fillmore

# Republicans 1854-Present

## **Characteristics:**

Angry over Kansas-Nebraska

no expansion of slavery

composed of N Whigs, Free-soilers, Liberty  
& Know-Nothings

## **Leaders:**

Abraham Lincoln

# Presidents 1-16

## **1. George Washington**

1789-1797

Whiskey Rebellion

Jay's Treaty

## **2. John Adams**

1797-1826, Federalist

Quasi War

## **3. Thomas Jefferson**

1801-1809, Dem  
Republican

LA purchase

## **4. James Madison**

1809-1817, Dem  
Republican

War of 1812

## **5. James Monroe**

1817-1825, Dem Republican

Era of Good Feeling

## **6. John Quincy Adams**

1825-1829, Dem Republican

Corrupt Bargain

## **7. Andrew Jackson**

1829-1837, Democrat

Presidential Power/Veto

Indian Removal

## **8. Martin Van Buren**

1837-1841, Democrat

Panic of 1837



**9. William Henry Harrison**

1841, Whig  
Dies of Pneumonia

**10. John Tyler**

1841-1845, Whig  
Annexes Texas

**11. James K. Polk**

1845-1849, Democrat  
Annexes Oregon  
Mex-Amer war

**12. Zachary Taylor**

1849-1850, Whig  
Compromise of 1850  
3<sup>rd</sup> shortest term

**13. Millard Fillmore**

1850-1853, Whig  
Compromise 1850

**14. Franklin Pierce**

1853-1857, Democrat  
Kansas-Nebraska Act  
Opens up Japan

**15. James Buchanan**

1857-1861, Democrat  
Dred Scott Case  
Lecompton Constitution

**16. Abraham Lincoln**

1861-1865, Republican  
Civil War  
Assassinated