

**John Foster Dulles**- 50 year's corporate law helps Woodrow Wilson in the negotiations in versai in WWI, considered to be the most brilliant secretary of state we ever had. He dies of cancer while he is in office. Brinkmanship- had far can we push them

**Richard M. Nixon**- Eisenhower's VP, losing election of 1960 by a hair, loses governor of California in 1962. In 1968 gets republican nomination and wins the presidency. Watergate- break into hotel to get democrat campaign plans. He gave us environmental protection agency, the clean water act, the clean air act. He wins 49 states for second term. Not enough senators to save him from being impeached.

**Geraldine Ferraro**- congresswomen from NY. First women to be on a national ticket in 1984. Ran against Ronald Reagan and lost. Ran for Senate in NY, involved with Hilary Clinton in last primary. She broke glass ceiling for millions of women.

**Ralph J. Bunch**- ambassador to united nations, first black man to win the Nobel peace prize.

**Ronald Reagan**- Hollywood actor, only union president to become a president of the US. Governor of California for 8 years. Said democracy is better than communism and we can win. The Berlin wall came down while he was president.

### **Harry S. Truman and Eisenhower**

Both officers in WWI

Truman made up middle initial to give himself more political weight

Two of them are born only 150 miles apart

Truman was born in Independence, Missouri and Ike was born in Abilene, Kansas

Both come from hard working religious families

They had to work to pay their bills unlike Hoover and Kennedy

They were completely comfortable with standing outside of steel mills

They were at home with common people

**Both had a strong distrust of Rigid Ideology- His way or high way**

They do know how to compromise not afraid to work with other parties

First presidents who can't ignore foreign policy; spend half of time paying attention to rest of the world

Truman has 1-minute notice that he is going to become president of US in April

1945 and back he was a quiet state senator from Missouri

Democrats select him to be Franklin Roosevelt's vice president

Eisenhower had a spiritual awakening of the country

Nobody knew who Truman was

Truman spent 82 days as vice president

As soon as he is inaugurated the secretary of war tells him about the developing atomic bomb he had no idea. Franklin never told him

Summer of 1945- Truman president for three months and has to go to Potsdam in Europe. Has to revitalize Europe. Clear that soviet unions are the new enemy

Civil war in china

Truman said he lost no sleep using the atomic bomb to bring the war in china to an end

When Japanese didn't surrender he used a second atomic bomb until they surrendered

In 1980 a museum opened a display that called the atomic bomb a racist act

The man who flew the plane that dropped the atomic bomb stayed in the air force through

Vietnam. He had a heart attack and died in Columbus Ohio. He left instructions to be buried in

an unmarked grave in fear that history would repeat itself and people would desecrate his grave

1947- George Marshall who was the chief of staff is now the secretary of state and communists have taken over from the inside of Europe and are challenging in Italy and Greece. So George Marshall come up with an idea to finance countries who are friendly with us so they can stay in power. It's called the Marshall plan and is passed by the house and the senate and is now what we call foreign aid

### Truman

"Give em hell Harry"

HE worked on the family farm till he was 30 years old. He failed at everything he attempted

1918- Truman was swept into WWI and returned as a war hero

The first thing he did was marry his long time sweetheart Bess Wallace.

Truman said his final failure in business left him broke and let him try his hand in politics

1934- he was elected to the senate, her served two terms he became the most popular men

At the national convention in 1944 he was selected to be Roosevelt's running mate

There ticket swept the victory

HE hoped after his term of vice president he could go back to the senate

He never wanted to be president

He said he felt like the moon and stars fell on him when Roosevelt died

Atomic bomb- " if you have a weapon to end the war you'd be foolish not to use it"

Truman doctrine was backed up by the Marshall plan; billions of dollars went to rebuilding Western Europe

Start of the cold war and nuclear arms race with Soviet Union

Truman's popularity dropped so low that he was told not to run again

1948- Truman's surprised win over Dewey in election

His second term was dominated by the Korean War and made worse by McCarthyism

**At the height of Korea By 1951 his gallop poll rating was 23 % the lowest Nixon got at the height of the Watergate was 27%**

March 29, 1952- Truman announced he would not seek another term in office surprising the country

When he returned home in Missouri he took pride in the fact that he was an ordinary man again

Truman and Eisenhower were friends all through WWII and at the end of the war Eisenhower presented a globe to Truman

1952- Truman wants Eisenhower to run for president as a democrat

After the announcement of Eisenhower as a republican there friendship is wrecked

Eisenhower runs on cleaning up the government

1959- Winston Churchill comes to white house for an extended visit, Churchill wants a reunion of the WWII leadership team, he wanted Ike to invite Truman, Truman says hell no

Eisenhower's son shows up at his inauguration Eisenhower is angry for Truman bringing his son home from Korea while other people were dying

Nov 1963- JFK's funeral, they finally start talking again and resume their friendship until they both died

### Korea and 1950's

50000 dead in Korea, police action not war. War was contained without use of atomic bomb.

There were 2 Chinas in that time. There was a communist China on the main land and nationalist china on Chong Chi Seck that has been driven off onto two islands. The two islands run by

Chong chi seck hold the Chinese seat in the United Nations. The Russian ambassador who had veto power in the secretary council had gotten up and walked out on that day to protest communist china not being a part of the United Nations. And so as a resolution to get the North Koreans out of South Korea it passed unanimously. There were no communists there to veto that measure. After that till the fall of communism the Soviet Union never ever missed another day at the Security Council in the United Nations.

1952- Truman takes himself out of the running for another term

1950- hit song "its so nice to have a man around the house"

Jan 12- Secretary of State Dean Acheson outlines a defense perimeter

June 25 1950- only 5 months after Acheson's address North Koreans invaded the republic of Korea. The next day the US took the question to the United Nations secretary council. The council in the absence of USSR orders the N. Koreans to withdrawal and then called on UN members to come to the aid of the republic of Korea

1950- the reds were winning the cold war with infiltration of one country after another. The Russian armed invaders south Korea quickly and pushing the US into the sea. When gen. Douglas MacArthur reported the collapse of the South Korean government was imitating President Truman order air and naval forces to the aid of the republic. Later he authorized ground troops. He also called up the reserves at home. Regulars and reserved invaded Korea and within weeks they blasted out the Pusan perimeter to push back the aggressors to the north. By later September the capital city had been taken back by us troops. In November we had pushed the North Koreans to the Manchurian border. Then in Oct 26 came a disquieting event, the capture of a communist Chinese soldier. On Nov 1. Chinese troops had cut through the 8<sup>th</sup> regiment of the US first Cavalry. It was a massacre that was like it hit Custer. By Nov 3 Election Day casualties had reached 28,235 and did not include dead wounded and missing in the Chinese defensemen. The Korean conflict was never a popular war. And when the polls the republicans picked up 28 seats in the house and 5 in the senate. Robert A Taft feared that obligations abroad might bankrupt America and led to the destruction of the American system.

Jan 1 1951-the Chinese army cleared the UN troops out of North Korea

Jan 25- UN forces launched a counter attack, which drove the Chinese back into North Korea Gen MacArthur believes the purpose of the war was to eradicate communism. Many Americans shared MacArthur's impatience. Joseph Morton protested the use of the atomic bomb.

April 11- MacArthur was dismissed by Truman and told the country he could no longer support his behavior. Stunned by the news, America rushed to MacArthur's side sending telegrams.

Truman was booed at Griffith stadium. In the gallop poll 71% of American people opposed of his action. GOP leaders agreed MacArthur should be invited to congress and impeachment was disgust

April 19, 1951- Douglas MacArthur went to capital hill to address congress

A presidential election was nearing and senator Taft was now calling the Korean War and unnecessary war and a Truman war. People doubted Taft's isolation record and doubted if he could win.

### **Dwight D. Eisenhower "ike"**

**Leadership best described by persuasion, insiliation, education, and most of all a lot of patience**

Mrs. Eisenhower refused to fly