

Presidents' Nicknames

Discover who the president is behind the nickname. What led people to give these presidents their nicknames?

Big Bill	William Howard Taft - he weighed over 300 lbs.
Comeback Kid	Bill Clinton was Governor of Arkansas. Lost re-election, but won again the next term.
Dark Horse	James Garfield - A "Dark Horse Candidate" is a person about whom little is known, has little chance of winning, and then wins anyway.
Dubya	George W. Bush- in reference to his middle initial and how it is pronounced in Texas
Father of the Constitution	James Madison - for his work on the Constitution
Gentleman Boss	Chester Arthur had fancy tastes and good manners.
Haberdasher Harry	Harry S. Truman - in reference to the mens clothing store he ran (Haberdashery)
His Accidency	John Tyler took over the office after the sudden death of William Henry Harrison. Many people felt he was just acting as president.
His Rotundity	John Adams - due to his large size
Idol of Ohio	William McKinley as he was from Ohio.
Ike	Dwight D. Eisenhower received this nickname from his parents when he was young
Jimmy	Jimmy Carter, whose real name is James - he officially used Jimmy as president.
King of Camelot	The Kennedys were considered American royalty. The White House was called Camelot during his administration. Therefore, John F. Kennedy was the king,
Landslide Lyndon	Lyndon B Johnson won the 1964 election by a landslide.
Little Ben	Benjamin Harrison was small in stature
Mr. Nice Guy	Gerald Ford - Research does not indicate why he nicknamed Mr. Nice Guy.
O'bomber	Barack Obama was known as Barry O'bomber in high school for his jump shot.
Old Buck	James Buchanan worked in public service for 40 years before becoming president.
Old Hickory	Strict discipline during the war of 1812 earned Andrew Jackson this nickname
Old Kinderhook	Martin Van Buren was born in Kinderhook, New York.
Old Man Eloquent	John Quincy Adams earned this nickname while serving seventeen years in Congress.
Old Rough and Ready	Zachary Taylor earned his nickname because of his untidy appearance and willingness to fight alongside his troops.
Old Tippecanoe	William Henry Harrison earned fame and his nickname from his military service in the battle on the Tippecanoe River.
Poppy	George H. W. Bush's nickname distinguished him from his son of the same name.
Silent Cal	Calvin Coolidge was rumored to not speak well and so he seldom spoke aloud.
Teddy	Theodore Roosevelt, nicknamed Teddy, had a stuffed bear toy named after him.
The Father of our Country	George Washington earned this nickname as he was the first president.
The Gipper	Ronald Reagan played the role of George "The Gipper" Gipp in the film Knute Rockne, All American in 1940.
The Great Emancipator	Abraham Lincoln is famous for his Emancipation Proclamation which freed slaves
The Preacher President	James Garfield was once a preacher
Tricky Dick	Richard Nixon - because of the Watergate scandal.
Unconditional Surrender	Ulysses S. Grant nickname is both a play on his initials and words he used in a speech at Fort Donelson calling for an unconditional and immediate surrender.
Young Hickory	James Polk was backed by Andrew Jackson (Old Hickory)