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Nancy Reagan Biography



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Elizabeth Truman Biography



Biography of Harry S. Truman's wife, Elizabeth; text document with portrait photo

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Biographies



Biographies of U.S. Presidents who escaped the assassination attempts.

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American Presidents Who Escaped Attempts on Their Lives



Being the President of the United States is no easy task. There are some who may not agree with your actions, politics, religion, and more. These 12 men escaped assassination attempts while they were the sitting the President.

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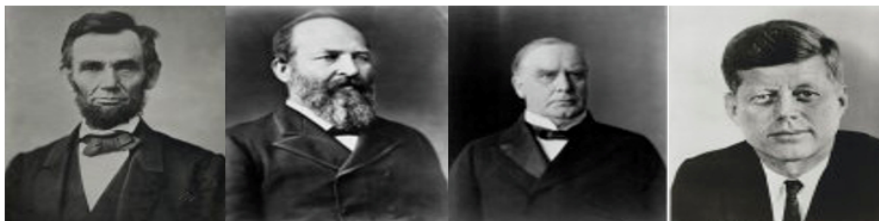
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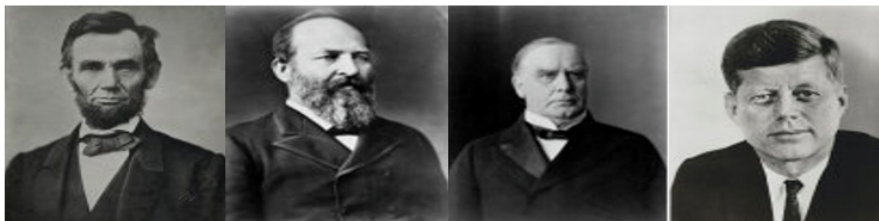
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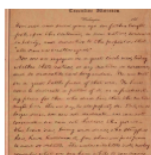
Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865)



Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States of America. He was born in 1809 and was 51 when he took office in 1860, right before the start of the Civil War in 1861. During his time as president, he signed the Emancipation Proclamation and gave his famous Gettysburg Address. He was re-elected in 1864 but was unfortunately assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, only one year later in 1865.



Article on how slavery impacted Abraham Lincoln and his White House.



Photograph of original Gettysburg Address.



Biography of Abraham Lincoln



Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address read by William F. Hooley

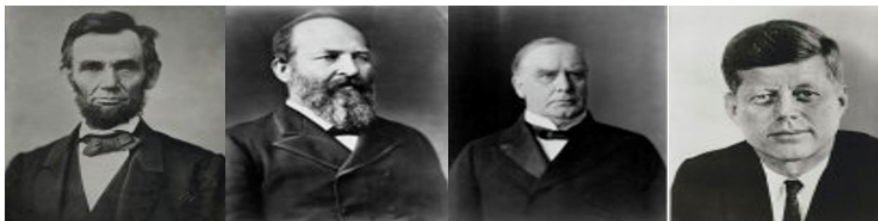


Orchestral music written in memory of President Abraham Lincoln's death, and in honor of his Gettysburg Address. The music was written by American composer Aaron Copland, performed by the Seattle Symphony, with James Earl Jones as narrator.

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James A. Garfield (1881-1881)



James A. Garfield was the 20th President of the United States. He started his presidency in March of 1881 and died in September of the same year. He was shot by an angry attorney in a Washington railroad station in July. He spent months trying to survive his wounds but ended up dying in September from infection and hemorrhage.



Biography of James A.
Garfield



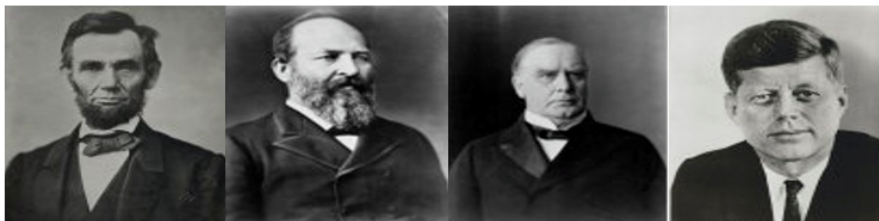
Funeral Announcement
for James A. Garfield



Song of President James
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William McKinley (1897-1901)



William McKinley was the 25th United States President. He became president in 1897. He won his second term in 1899 but was shot twice by an anarchist in September of 1901. He died eight days later.



Biography of William McKinley

Biography of William McKinley

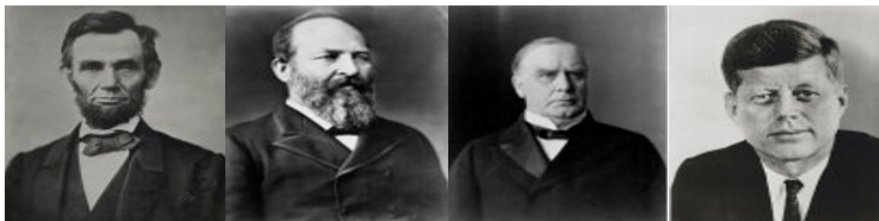
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John F. Kennedy (1961-1963)



John F. Kennedy served as the 35th president of the United States from 1961 to 1963. In 1963, he called on Congress to pass a civil rights bill desegregating restaurants, hotels, schools, and more. He was assassinated in Dallas on November 22, 1963, while in his motorcade. The attempt was recorded on television and many conspiracy theories have abounded from the incident.



Biography of John F. Kennedy



Front page news of the assassination of John F. Kennedy



Recording of John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Speech.



Choral piece of music written in memory of President John F. Kennedy, by English composer Herbert Howells, performed by King's College Choir, Cambridge, UK, under the direction of David Willcocks.

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The Presidents in Peril digital library exists to educate users on American presidents who have been assassinated or have narrowly escaped attempts on their lives, while in office. We drew materials from the digital libraries of the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and six other websites.

This digital library was created to celebrate the history and achievements of the United States Presidents and to inspire a wide variety of users from diverse backgrounds to learn and appreciate American presidential history. We also hope that this library may inspire patriotism in current and future United States citizens.

Because of the content, we believe Presidents in Peril will have a wide appeal to a diverse target audience. The library may be useful for presidential scholars, veterans, history buffs, students (junior high and older), and those who aspire to one day call the United States their home.

The Presidents in Peril digital library consists of 74 items in various formats including PDF text files, audio and video files, web pages, and image files. For easy navigation, we have created two collections: [American Presidents Who Were Assassinated](#) and [American Presidents Who Escaped Attempts on Their Lives](#). We have also created three exhibits: [American Presidents Who Were Assassinated in Office](#), [US Presidential Biographies](#), and [American Presidents Who Escaped Attempts On Their Lives](#). Within these exhibits, visitors can find interesting content about the presidents including Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address, music written to honor and memorialize three US Presidents, multiple presidential biographies and portrait photos, First Lady biographies and portrait photos, and more.

The presidential portraits we have included in our library were retrieved from the Library of Congress, which are in the public domain. The biographies, Key Events, and articles are not in the public domain but each item's copyright permissions may be viewed individually. The videos from YouTube have been downloaded for this project, for educational purposes, and copyright information is also listed individually.

We incorporated the Dublin Core Metadata Best Practices Version 2.1.1 (September 2006) into this digital library. This set of standards was the best fit for our media and file choices. We followed the format of all Dublin Core suggestions when inputting the metadata for each item. We used twelve of the metadata fields to input information for nearly all items. We did not use the Contributor, Relation, or Coverage metadata fields for most of the items, as these fields did not seem to apply to our file choices. When there was no date of publication listed for a website, we input the date the website was originally accessed.

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Presidents in Peril had four contributors. Please see below for each person's bio and their contribution to the digital library.

Alyssa is in her final semester of the MLIS program and is currently working in the interlibrary loan/resource sharing department at a higher education institution. She contributed the idea of "American Presidents Who Escaped Attempts On Their Lives" and contributed to the About Us page.

Beulah is in her last semester pursuing a Masters in Library Science. She works as a library assistant at LeMoyne-Owen College. She created the exhibits, [American Presidents Who Escaped Attempts on Their Lives](#), and [Biographies](#). She also created images for the exhibits' pages.

Mark is in his first year of pursuing a Master's of Library Science Degree in Music Librarianship. He wrote the DL Prototype Proposal for the group. He has added 51 items to the DL, including inputting 12-14 metadata entries per item, using the Dublin Core Metadata Best Practices (Version 2.1.1, September 2006). He has also been a second pair of eyes for the other item's metadata entries and for the DL in general. He contributed to the About Us page, adding information about Dublin Core metadata standards used, and included information from the DL Prototype Proposal. Additionally, he added several Tags for most items.

Valerie is in her first year of pursuing her Masters in Library of Science. She currently works at a special library tailored to research and development in the STEM fields. She created the exhibit, [Presidents Who Were Assassinated in Office](#) including curating the content, adding all metadata, and president descriptions. She also created the Presidents in Peril image on the homepage. She created the [United States First Ladies](#) collection so that users may easily view First Lady biographies. She also acted as a second pair of eyes for the metadata and library pages.

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Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963

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John F. Kennedy Death Announcement

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Kennedy, John F.

Creator

The Dallas Morning News

Source

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