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Posted by [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 01:35:12

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Presidential Facts/Quiz

Every president has been married, except one.

Every president has been raised in the Protestant faith, except one.

Every president has spoken English as his first language, except one.

Every president went to school, except one.

Every president has been voted in as president or vice president, except one.

Every president has either finished his term or died in office, except one.

1883 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 10:59:56

Some Answers

Here are 5 of the answers:

1. James Buchanan
2. John Kennedy
3. ?
4. Andrew Johnson
5. Gerald Ford
6. Richard Nixon

1886 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 11:27:35

presidential trivia

Without looking anything up, I'd guess the missing answer is John Quincy Adams.

Also, wasn't question number two valid only until yesterday?

1887 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 12:57:52

Every president has either finished his term or died in office, except one.

Shouldn't that be "except two"? :-)

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1888 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 13:12:45

#3 is Andrew Jackson, I believe. It was his lack of schooling that resulted in the Jackass becoming a symbol first for Jackson in political cartoons, then the Democratic party.

1889 re 1887 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 13:12:48

(U) I'm guessing you're saying that...because the current president has yet to finish his term, right?

1890 re 1888 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 13:45:32

Re: Some Answers

(U) Kennedy was Catholic and Nixon was Quaker, IIRC. Quaker is not Protestant.

1892 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 14:43:30

3. (U) Martin Van Buren, who spoke Dutch as his first language.

1893 re 1888 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 14:48:37

Re: presidential trivia

(U) I was thinking Adams #2 too.

(U) Is UCC not Protestant either? ...aha! I see! "In The Audacity of Hope, Obama writes that he "was not raised in a religious household." " Good catch!

1894 re 1888 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 14:50:24

(U) Yep!

(U) It should also be noted that Bush 43 survived Tecumseh's Curse, like Reagan before him.

(U) Hooray for historical trivia!

1895 re 1888 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 15:00:27

Prés. Jackson's Education

According to Wikipedia, President Andrew Johnson had no formal education, and President Jackson had some formal education. It is clear that President Jackson didn't have much formal education.

1896 re 1888 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 16:25:29

Re: presidential trivia

(U) Ooh, the "raised" was the tricky part! However, the UCC is at least as Protestant as Unitarianism (see Jefferson, Taft, probably others).

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1897 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 17:51:25

(U) Without the list in front of me I would venture that every president's last name ended with a consonant, except one.

1899 re 1897 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 18:05:37

Monroe, Fillmore, Pierce, Coolidge, and now Obama.

Debatable: McKinley, Kennedy (depending on your classification of "y").

(Yes, I did have a list in front of me. :)

1900 re 1899 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 18:08:55

(U) I stand corrected. I didn't pay enough attention to the History Channel specials the last couple of nights!

1901 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 20:37:40

Question #2

(U) Hoover and Nixon were Quakers, I believe TJ and Taft were Unitarians, both Quakers and Unitarians are "Protestant" denominations, so the only President not raised in the Protestant faith was JFK (Catholic)

1905 re 1901 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 21:51:47

Re: Question #2

that depends on how broadly you define "Protestant". Unitarianism arises from a dispute distinct from the disputes of the 16th century Protestant Reformation. (It does fit the broad definition of Christian but not Orthodox or Catholic)

(And there is no single Protestant Faith, there are over a dozen of them, so "the" is definitely not the correct article.)

1906 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-21 23:16:37

I didn't expect so many diverse comments when I posted these presidential 'facts'. I found them in The Sunday Times (UK), thought they were very interesting, and so I wanted to share them with others. But I take no credit or blame for their accuracy, or lack thereof :) Although, with hindsight, I should have left out the faith based 'fact'. It's getting complicated in here.

1907 re 1899 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-22 13:12:42

In the second case, y is definitely a vowel--in the first, it could be seen as silent, or as part of the vowel-pair ey; either way, one could take it as a vowel. "y" is only a consonant in words like "yes".

1928 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-23 18:40:15

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UNCLASSIFIED//~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~**Speaking of Presidents.....**

This week when I was walking into work I was wondering when the New President was going to come out and visit NSA.

I didn't recall Mr. Clinton ever coming for a visit.

Since NSA's conception, how many presidents have stopped by?

1931 re 1907 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-26 13:39:31

And it's both a consonant and a vowel in "yucky".

1932 re 1928 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-26 14:59:19

Re: Speaking of Presidents.....

I am not sure, but I think only two U.S. Presidents have been to visit NSA. I know that I was here when President Reagan came out and remember it being told around that this was the first time a sitting U.S. President had been to NSA. If Clinton did not come out here, then President Bush would have been the second one. I think in my case the operative word is "Sitting" and it may just be true that others have been here, just not when they were the "sitting" President.

1933 re 1932 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-26 15:47:23

Re: Speaking of Presidents.....

I'm not sure of the dates for either but I believe Bush Senior dedicated the 2A building when it was finished and of course Reagan dedicated the 2B building.

1934 re 1933 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-26 15:53:03

Re: Speaking of Presidents.....

You could be right about GHW Bush and OPS 2A, but he would not have been President at the time. He did not become President until 1989 and by that time Reagan had already been here. It would also have been long after he was DCI, (1976-77). It's possible he could have been VP at the time OPS 2A was dedicated. I'm just not sure.

1942 re 1934 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-26 18:41:39

Re: Speaking of Presidents.....

I did a search on the intranet and actually got a hit. Reagan was the first president to visit NSA. They even have a video of the dedication speech.

I don't know where every one parked that day because it looked like the entire parking lot in front of 2B was chairs for the spectators and it also looked like we cleared a spot for Marine One (Presidents helicopter) to land.

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Still not sure on the Herbert Walker Bush visit but I do remember he did speak out in front of the 2A building.

1947 re 1928 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-26 21:16:40

Re: Speaking of Presidents.....

Officially ... we have had three US presidents visit NSAW. Ronald Reagan (the first) came to "dedicate" the new Buildings (OPS 2A and 2B) George H. W. Bush (right after the "Gulf War"), and more recently, George W. Bush.

1949 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-27 13:17:47

Speaking of Presidents

George HW Bush did visit NSA in the spring of 1991 not long after Gulf War I ended.

1979 re 194 [REDACTED] @ 2009-01-30 22:17:58

Re: Speaking of Presidents.....

At least you were able to get some visits. I don't know of any visits out here to good o' NSAC.

1994 re 1895 [REDACTED] @ 2009-02-04 14:05:38

Re: Pres. Jackson's Education

I believe A Lincoln had a lack of formal education, too, as well as several others compared to what we today consider "formal education."

If you consider formal education HS and four years of college, then "Bull" Halsey, Chester Nimitz, and Ernest J King also lacked formal education. USNA grads did not qualify for a Bachelor degree until 1931. There is a drastic difference between having formal education and possessing a certain wisdom. Is there a hint of political bias in your comment? Politics has changed more than a little bit since "Old Hickory" held office.

1996 re 1994 [REDACTED] @ 2009-02-04 15:31:36

Re: Pres. Jackson's Education

(U) I consider formal education time spent in a school or classroom. This includes elementary school, high school, or college. During the 18th and 19th centuries, most elementary schools were 1 room schoolhouses. I don't remember the source, but I understand that President Andrew Johnson was taught to read and write by his wife.

(U) There is no political bias in my comments, and I agree with you that there is a difference between education and wisdom.

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