**The Ultimate Guide to the Presidents**

“Hail to the Chief” - 1945-1964

Harry S. Truman 00:00-19:45

1. Describe Truman’s background.
2. Why did Truman decide to use the atomic bomb?
3. Truman had to deal with a new problem - the economy. How did Truman’s problem with the economy differ from most other president’s economic problems?
4. How was Europe divided between the U.S. and the Soviet Union?
5. How did changes in the government in the early Cold War period increase the power of the presidency?
6. What was Truman’s platform as he ran for reelection (what was his big message for the American people)?
7. Why did Truman fail to get a formal declaration of war in Korea?

Dwight D. Eisenhower 19:45-25:10

1. Eisenhower did not want to commit troops to battle. What did he do instead?
2. “Basically everything that Eisenhower does in domestic affairs is in some ways linked…to national security concerns.” Give at least one example of this.
3. What was Eisenhower’s final warning to the American people?

John F. Kennedy 25:10-36:48

1. Kennedy was very much an idealist. Why did he have difficulty turning his ideas into action?
2. Most of Kennedy’s advisors insisted that the U.S. invade Cuba. Kennedy instead followed his brother’s advice. What did Kennedy do?
3. For two years, Kennedy said he would end segregation “with the stroke of a pen.” When he did not do so, what did African-Americans do?

Lyndon B. Johnson 36:48-44:13

1. What was the “Johnson Treatment?”
2. What was Johnson’s attitude towards the poor and minorities?
3. Johnson called his plan for America the “Great Society.” What did the Great Society program entail?
4. Why did Johnson get America involved in the war in Vietnam?