

# John Adams.

Federalist. Also a founding father, a leader of the American Revolution.

From Massachusetts, the only non-Virginian of the first 5 presidents.

Was our 1st Vice President.

Principal author: the Massachusetts Constitution, the world's oldest written constitution still in use.

First president to reside in The White House.

Harvard grad. (Harvard College has produced the most US Presidents: John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy.)

He was the first lawyer-president.

He defended British soldiers that killed five Americans in the Boston Massacre. The soldiers were considered innocent.

Lived till the age of 90, the longest lived president until Ronald Reagan 178 years later. (Jimmy Carter was the longest lived president.)

Was the only one of the first 5 presidents who was not a slave owner.

Enjoyed exercising, often starting his day skinny dipping in the Potomac.

Had a contentious relationship with his vice president and 3rd President Thomas Jefferson. They coincidentally died within hours of each other on July 4, 1826. His last words were "Thomas Jefferson survives" but he had died at Monticello a few hours earlier.

First president to not attend the inauguration of his successor.

First president to lose a reelection attempt.

His son John Quincy Adams would become the 6th president. George H.W. Bush (41) and George W. Bush (43) would be the only other father-son presidents.

"Liberty, once lost, is lost forever". "The preservation of liberty depends upon the intellectual and moral character of the people."