

DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER

- Military Leader
- President
- Statesman
- Hero
- Athlete
- Moral Authority



If you can walk with crowds and keep your virtue, Or walk with kings—neer lose the common touch.
 —"If" by Rudyard Kipling

Early Life



- Third of seven sons
- Born to David and Ida Stover Eisenhower on October 14, 1890 in Denison, Texas
- Religious family
- Graduated from HS in 1909
- Worked at a creamery for two years after graduation

West Point

- Wanted to go to Annapolis (Naval Academy) but was too old
- Accepted to U.S. Military Academy (West Point) in 1911
- Football star there until a series of knee injuries
- Experienced severe hazing in his Plebe (first) year
- Not the greatest student
- Got many demerits for misbehavior while there, but eventually graduated in the top half of his class



Early Military Career



- Met his wife Mamie Geneva Doud at Fort Sam Houston as a young second lieutenant and they were married on July 1, 1916
- Their son died at age three of scarlet fever
- Assigned as an assistant to General Fox Conner who served as Ike's mentor
- Accepted to Command and General Staff College, the Army's elite graduate school, and graduated first in his class

Preparing to be a General

- Worked a variety of jobs in the War Department
- Served as a military aide to General Douglas MacArthur
- Assigned to a variety of diplomatic missions



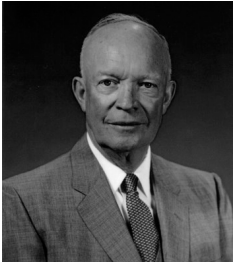
General of the Army



- His impressive thinking, organization, and people skills made him a great leader
- Ike served as the primary planner of D-Day, the massive land invasion of the continent of Europe
- Made a five star general in December of 1944 (the highest rank possible in any military branch)

President of the United States

- Became President of Columbia University
- Helped organize the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- On November 4, 1952, Eisenhower was elected the 34th President of the U.S.
- Reelected four years later by an even wider margin



Accomplishments as President



- "Peace and Prosperity" was his motto
- Worked to end the Korean War
- Confronted many Cold War crises in places like Lebanon, Berlin, Hungary, and Cuba
- Signed the 1957 and 1960 Civil Rights Acts
- Ordered federal troops to desegregate Central HS in Little Rock, AK

More on his accomplishments as President

- America enjoyed a strong economy, little inflation, and low unemployment
- He expanded Social Security, increased the minimum wage, and established the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
- Established NASA and added Alaska and Hawaii to the union