

Bill Clinton

Bill Clinton was born on August 19, 1946 in Hope, Arkansas. Clinton was the second-youngest president ever elected in 1992. He was 46 years old at the time of his inauguration. Bill Clinton is known for being president during one of the longest periods of peace and economic expansion in American history. Bill Clinton usually thought big when it came to ideas. As a younger man he wanted to be president. He wanted to make life easier for all Americans. Not just white people, but people of all races. Bill Clinton worked hard for civil rights, gun control, health care, and world peace. Not matter what happened he refused to give up.

Bill Clinton attended Georgetown University, Yale University Law School, University of Oxford, Hot Springs High School and Arkansas Boys State. Bill Clinton was the governor of Arkansas and our 42nd President of the United States of America. As young college students he was a clerk for Senator William Fulbright of Arkansas. He also worked on McGovern campaign in 1972. In 1974 he ran for Congress, but he did not win. He was elected attorney general of Arkansas. In 1978 he was elected governor of Arkansas. At 32 years old he was the youngest governor in the nation. In 1986 he became chairman of the National Governors Association (NGA). He enjoyed talking about education, the need for more jobs, and better way to help the poor. Organizations from all over the country were asking Bill to come and speak to them. On October 3, 1991 he declared that he would run for president.

After being elected, Clinton focused on economic issues. He wanted to make changes for the Democratic Party by putting a focus on ordinary people. He was firm on issues like gun control (Brady Law), equal employment, making abortion legal, giving opportunities for education, affordable health care, and tax reform so that the burden of tax was more on the rich. His term in office ran from January 20, 1993 - January 20, 2001. As President, Clinton had some major achievements. On December 8, 1993 Bill signed the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement

(NFTA). This made it easier for countries in North America to exchange goods with one another. He hoped the agreement would help business and create new jobs in the United States. He started AmeriCorps, an organization that gave many people a chance to help others by cleaning parks, building homes, or teaching people to read and write. He implemented the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) which also helped in the establishment of World Trade Organization. Clinton signed laws for gun control, legalize abortion, and tax reform (raising taxes for the wealthy). Clinton was able to establish a strong economy. Some things that occurred while he was President was he lowered taxes for the poor and raised them for the wealthy, he won the reelection for a second term. His wife Hillary ran for the Senate at the end of his presidency. She won. Bill Clinton was very happy for her and proud.

I think Bill Clinton was a very good President because he wanted to help people. He wanted equal rights and better opportunities for everyone. He helped our economy by creating more jobs and opportunities for the ordinary people of America. Bill Clinton helped the poor. In America's view he was one of our most important leaders of today. Although he was under investigation for impeachment, he was proven not guilty. He apologized to the American people and maintained his popularity. He ran the country well. Bill Clinton will be remembered for being able to get rid of the federal deficit and creating a period of assurance and faith in the financial market. He led the country to an era of strong economic wealth.

Since leaving office Clinton has kept busy by writing books and giving speeches. After his presidency he set up an office in the Harlem section of NYC. He started an organization called the Bill Clinton Foundation, to help poor people. Clinton also tried to help people of different races get along. He encouraged governments to develop programs to help AIDS patients. He also worked with Presidents in relief efforts for victims of major natural disasters including Hurricane Katrina, the Asian Tsunami, and the earthquake in Haiti. He is the biggest supporter of his wife, Hillary Clinton on her race to the White House. He was known for being a good and honest President who tried to fix problems. He had the ability to talk to ordinary people easily. He is still living today at the age of 70 years old.

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