

## President James Madison Birthday Quiz

Our fourth President, James Madison, was born on March 16. He is among the most important of the Founders of the United States. How much do you know about this famous President?

1. Where was James Madison born? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In what year was he born? \_\_\_\_\_
3. At the 1787 Constitutional Convention, Madison was the key drafter of the Virginia Plan, but who introduced the Plan? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Besides Madison, who were the other two authors of the "Federalist Papers"?  
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5. When Madison was elected to the first Congress, who did he defeat? (Both men later served as President). \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who 'gerrymandered' the district to try to defeat Madison? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Why is the 27th Amendment called the "Madison Amendment"? \_\_\_\_\_
8. To avoid providing funds to construct a navy, what nation did Madison propose be hired to serve the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who introduced Madison to his future wife Dolley Payne Todd? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Did James and Dolley Madison have any children? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What office did he hold in the Jefferson Administration? \_\_\_\_\_
12. As President, Madison had two different Vice Presidents. They both died in office. Name them:  
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13. What famous painting did Dolley save before the British burned the White House?  
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14. What key battle of the War of 1812 was fought after the treaty was signed BUT before it was ratified, officially ending the War? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Who was the Last Surviving Signer of the U.S. Constitution? When did he die?  
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16. What is the name of his estate where he and Dolley are buried? \_\_\_\_\_

*Quiz answers posted at MCHC website. at <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org>*

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1. Virginia (Port Conway)
2. 1761
3. Edmund Randolph
4. Alexander Hamilton and John Jay
5. James Monroe
6. Patrick Henry
7. Although not ratified until 1992, Madison was the main author. Twelve amendments were adopted by Congress in 1789, with ten swiftly ratified and known as the Bill of Rights.
8. Portugal
9. Aaron Burr
10. No, but Madison helped care for her only surviving son, two-year-old John Payne Todd. John Todd, Dolley's first husband, and their infant son William, died during a yellow fever epidemic in 1793.
11. Secretary of State
12. George Clinton and Elbridge Gerry
13. Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington
14. The key Battle of New Orleans was fought on January 8, 1815, two weeks after the December 24, 1814, signing of the treaty of Ghent. However, the treaty was not ratified and exchanged by the British and Americans until February 17, 1815, at the Octagon House in Washington, D.C.
15. James Madison. June 28, 1836
16. Montpelier

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