



Franklin D. Roosevelt

32nd President

Born: Jan. 30, 1882

Birthplace: Hyde Park, NY

Died: April 12, 1945

Burial Site: Hyde Park, NY

Spouse: Eleanor Roosevelt

Occupation: Farmer, lawyer

Political Party: Democratic

Term: 1933-1945

Vice Presidents: John Garner, Henry Wallace,
Harry Truman

Franklin Delano Roosevelt became president on March 4, 1933, to lead his country out of the Great Depression and through the Second World War.

Roosevelt attended Harvard University and Columbia Law School. He entered public life in 1910 as a member of the New York Senate.

Over the years, he became assistant secretary of the navy under Woodrow Wilson and was the Democratic nominee for vice-president in 1920 with James M. Cox of Ohio.

He was governor of New York for two terms before being elected president by the largest vote, popular and electoral, ever recorded in a presidential election. He was to win re-election by an even larger majority. He was the first president to be re-elected to a third term in 1940. This term marked the United States' entry into the Second World War after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

He was re-elected to an unprecedented fourth term in 1944, with Harry S. Truman as his vice-president. He conferred at Yalta in the Crimea with Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin concerning the progress of war.

But Roosevelt was never to see peace restored. He died while visiting at Warm Springs, GA. His body was brought back to Washington, and buried in Hyde Park.