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Presidents of the Gilded Age

President	Dates in Office	Party	Description of Term
18. Ulysses S. Grant	Elected: 1868 1869-1877	R	- filled with scandal - Whiskey ring, Credit mobilier scandal - Reconstruction - tried to help African-Americans
19. Rutherford B. Hayes	Elected: 1876 1877-1881	R	- elected in compromise of 1877, ended military reconstruction - wanted to start civil service reform
20. James A. Garfield	Elected: 1880 1881 (assassinated)	R	- Half breed republican (pro reform) - was assassinated by Charles Guiteau
21. Chester A. Arthur	1881-1885	R	passes Pendleton Civil Service Act to reform government even though he was a stalwart (anti reform) republican

22. Grover Cleveland	Elected: 1884 E 1892 1885 - 1889 1893 - 1897	D	- Serves two non-consecutive terms • mugwump republicans voted for him • helps tariff in the middle (not favoring rich or poor) • blamed for panic of 1893, uses federal troops to end Pullman strike
23. Benjamin Harrison	Elected: 1888 1889 - 1897	R	• raised tariff which made goods more expensive
24. William McKinley	Elected: 1896 1897 - 1901 (assassinated)	R	• defeats William Jennings Bryan & the populists • reinforces the gold standard • assassinated