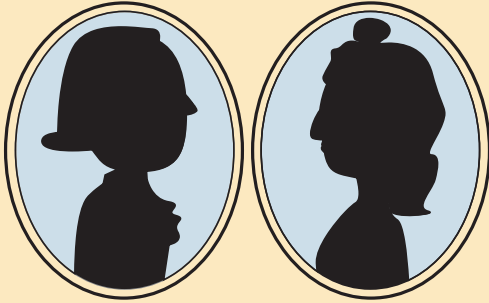


6 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

THE MADISONS



1.

James and Dolley were introduced to each other by Aaron Burr who served as vice president under Thomas Jefferson.

2.

James and Dolley married on September 15, 1794. He was a 43-year-old bachelor; she, a 26-year-old widow with one son.

3.

When James became the fourth U.S. president, Dolley celebrated by holding Washington D.C.'s first inaugural ball, a tradition that lives on to this day.

4.

Dolley hosted weekly White House parties so packed with people they were often called "squeezes." Dolley's parties featured many desserts—including ice cream, a treat she helped popularize.

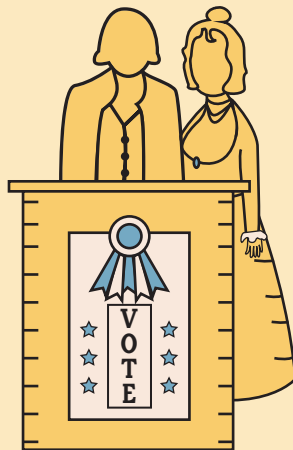


5.

A "social butterfly," Dolley invited people with diverse political views to her parties so they could mingle, become better acquainted, and sometimes even resolve their differences.

6.

James, an introvert, attributed much of his political success to his vivacious wife. So did his opponents. "I might have had a better chance had I faced Mr. Madison alone," Charles Pinckney said after losing the 1808 presidential election to "Mr. and Mrs. Madison."



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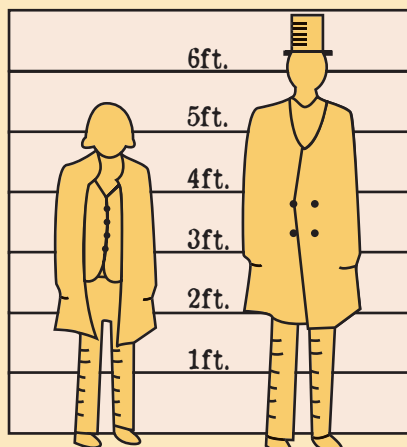
6 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

JAMES MADISON



While serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, Madison wrote the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which are known as the Bill of Rights.

As Secretary of State under Thomas Jefferson, Madison helped oversee the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition.



James Madison vs. Abe Lincoln

1.

Madison is considered the "Father of the U.S. Constitution" because he had a huge influence on its drafting (even though he was one of the youngest members of the Continental Congress).

2.

Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay anonymously wrote "The Federalist Papers," a series of essays which urged the states to ratify the Constitution.

3.



4.

5.

In 1809, Madison became the fourth U.S. president. He served two terms and led the U.S. through the War of 1812.

6.

Madison was the shortest president ever—5'4"—and only weighed around 100 pounds.



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6 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

DOLLEY MADISON

Dolley Madison was the first wife of a president to be called "First Lady." A consummate hostess, she became one of the most influential women in early American history.

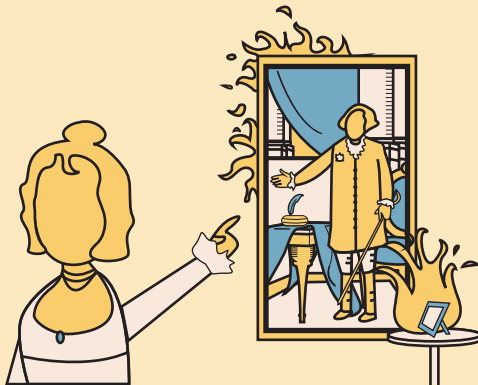
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Breaking away from Europe's aristocratic ways,

Dolley insisted on wearing pearls instead of diamonds. To inspire patriotism, she decorated the White House with American-made goods.

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3.

When the White House came under siege during the War of 1812, Dolley saved a famous portrait of George Washington and other artifacts.

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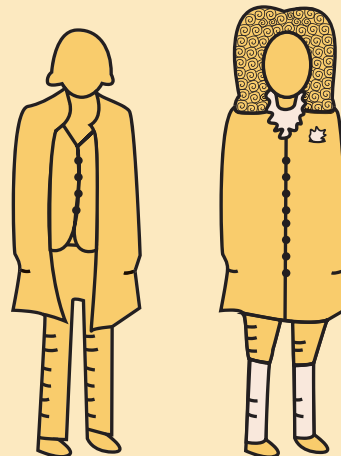
Dolley also convinced James to wear long pants instead of Europe's traditional knee-length "breeches." He was the first U.S. president to do so.

After James left office, Dolley remained publicly active. She was the first private citizen chosen by inventor Samuel Morse to send a telegraph.

5.

The U.S. House of Representatives honored Dolley by designating an "honorary seat" for her in the House gallery (70+ years before women could vote).

6.



Pants vs. Knee-Length Breeches



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