

Calvin Coolidge

30th President of the United States of America

In Office: August 2, 1923 – March 4, 1929

1. Head of State

- Took over for Warren G. Harding as President and addressed sympathy for Harding on behalf of the United States. **(A)**
 - Became the first President to give a presidential speech over the radio, as he addressed to the United States what he plans to achieve during his tenure. **(A)**
 - Displayed lack of attention and interest to the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927, which was the worst natural disaster in the United States Gulf Coast until Hurricane Katrina. **(D)**
 - **Overall Grade: B**
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2. Chief Executive

- Decided not to force the resignation of any of Harding's appointed cabinet members, at least until the end of that term, but regained trust after Harding's Cabinet Scandals. **(A)**
 - Appointed Harlan Fiske Stone as a justice in the Supreme Court in 1925. **(A)**
 - Kept Herbert Hoover as Secretary of Commerce, and led to the great economic growth of the United States in the Roaring Twenties. **(A)**
 - **Overall Grade: A**
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3. Chief Administrator

- Assigned Herbert Hoover to take responsibility for all industrial policies instead of doing them himself. **(C)**
 - Appointed commissioners to the Federal Trade Commission and Interstate Commerce Commission who were extremely laidback in regulating business. **(B)**
 - An adherent of laissez-faire ideology that supposedly led to the United States falling into the Great Depression. **(C)**
 - **Overall Grade: B**
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4. Chief Diplomat

- Initiated the Kellogg-Briand Pact of 1928 which attempted to outlaw war as a means of settling international disputes, but failed miserably. **(C)**
 - Refused to recognize the Soviet Union. **(F)**
 - Lifted an arms embargo in Mexico in support of the newly-elected government there. **(B)**
 - **Overall Grade: D**
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5. Commander in Chief

- Kept the United States out of War. **(A)**
 - Opposed joining a league of Nations. **(B)**
 - Clearly stated his belief against using military force. **(C)**
 - **Overall Grade: B**
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6. Chief Legislator

- Signed Indian Citizenship Act in 1924, giving U.S. citizenship to all Native Americans. **(A)**
 - Signed Radio Act of 1927, giving regulation of radio to the Federal Radio Commission. **(A)**
 - Signed Immigration Act of 1924, limiting entering immigration to 2% of any nations residents in the U.S. **(A)**
 - **Overall Grade: A**
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7. Head of Party

- Relied on public support as he was not a party favorite. **(C)**
 - Lost seats in Senate during 1926 Midterm Elections but maintained majority. **(C)**
 - Lost seats on House of Representatives during 1926 Midterm Elections but maintained majority. **(C)**
 - **Overall Grade: C**
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8. Head of Economy

- Cut taxes to give more money to consumers and investors. **(B)**
 - Allowed Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover to create government contracts with big companies. **(B)**
 - Laissez-fair economic policy led to over-speculation and eventually stock market crash of 1929. **(D)**
 - **Overall Grade: C**
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9. Chief Citizen

- Originally arranged for his father to give him the oath of office upon learning of Harding's Death. He changed his clothes, said a prayer, and then went back to bed. **(A)**
 - Became the only President to have their Portrait minted on a U.S. Coin during his lifetime in 1926. **(B)**
 - Met regularly and more frequently than any preceding President with reporters and the media, giving about 520 Press Conferences. **(A)**
 - **Overall Grade: A**
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10. Overall

Category	Grade
Head of State	B
Chief Executive	A
Chief Administrator	B
Chief Diplomat	D
Commander in Chief	B
Chief Legislator	A
Head of Party	C
Head of Economy	C
Chief Citizen	A

● **FINAL GRADE: B**

Justification:

Calvin Coolidge cut taxes, maintained peace in the United States, regained trust in the executive branch, and effectively incorporated the use of media and technology into his presidency; however he also failed to attract support from his party, lost congressional seats, and gained a negative impression from foreign countries.