

Day One

“All the Way” to the White House

➔ Lyndon B Johnson was known as a master of information. Read silently.

In 1964, signs across America read, "All the Way with LBJ!" Lyndon B. Johnson was running for president. Johnson had come a long way in his life. He was born in a farmhouse in Texas. He had four brothers and sisters. His dad lost a lot of money. So his family was poor.

Johnson liked debate in high school and college. He went to the Southwest Texas State Teachers College. Johnson worked to pay his way through college. After college, he worked for a Texas Congressman. Johnson was interested in politics and power.

In 1941, Johnson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He served as a representative for 12 years. He was then elected to the Senate. He was a Senator for 12 more years. Johnson eventually became leader of the Senate. He was known as a master of information. He knew where each Senator stood and how to get their vote. Johnson used his debate skills to get bills passed.

In 1961, Johnson became vice president to President Kennedy. He then became president when Kennedy was killed. Johnson was president for six years. But he was not popular by 1968. He decided not to run for president again. Richard Nixon went on to become the next president. Johnson went back to Texas. He lived on his ranch until his death in 1973.