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## Club-A-Rama v2.0 WEEK 18

## PRESIDENT JOHNSON

1964 New York World's Fair



Lyndon B. Johnson (1908-1973), our 36th president, was elected Vice President in November 1960, but of course ascended to the presidency upon Kennedy's assasination.



## Some Vice President trivia:

Originally, the Vice President was the person who received the second most votes for President in the Electoral College. However, in 1800 a tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr led to the selection of the President by the House of Representatives. To prevent such an event from happening again, the 12th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified where electors cast a separate ballot for the Vice Presidency.

Nine Vice Presidents have ascended to the presidency - eight through the death of the president and one (Gerald Ford) through the president's resignation.

Originally, a vacancy in the office of Vice President could not be filled until the next election. The 25th Amendment to the Constitution rectified that because it happened sixteen times by then!

The backside of the PRESIDENT JOHNSON bust is engraved "36th PRES. 1963-" and includes a facsimile of his signature. He was still president when the bust was made (urgently made after the assassination of President Kennedy), so the last year of his presidency is not engraved.





As discussed in week 24 of the first year of the Club, the number of the **PRESIDENT JOHNSON** bust at 1124 indicates that it was not made with the slew of presidential busts that were originally ordered for use at the 1964 New York World's Fair - but was of course ordered upon the sudden death of President Kennedy sometime soon after November 1963. Feel free to revisit that writeup for an explanation as to the originally intended use of the PRESIDENT JOHNSON bust at the 1964-65 New York Worlds Fair <a href="https://example.com/heres/beart/">heres/beart/</a>.



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