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**DIRECTIONS:** Study the material. Answer the questions.

In the United States, we elect a new president every four years. Nowadays it is a law that no one can be elected for more than two four-year terms. But that wasn't always a law. Before it was a law, it was a tradition. George Washington was elected president without no one running against him 1788 and again in 1792. He probably would have been elected again in 1796, but he decided that two terms was enough. Thomas Jefferson, the third president, agreed that if there was no term limit that anyone elected president could possibly end up in the position for life. Following George Washington's example, all of our presidents left office voluntarily after two terms, up until 1933, when Franklin Delano Roosevelt decided to run for a third term. He won, and was even elected for a fourth term, but died a few months after his inauguration. After that, a law was put into place limiting the number of full terms a president could serve to two.

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PRESIDENT	POLITICAL PARTY	# OF TERMS
George Washington	No Party Designation	2
John Adams	Federalist	1
Thomas Jefferson	Democratic-Republican	2
James Madison	Democratic-Republican	2
James Monroe	Democratic-Republican	2
John Quincy Adams	Democratic-Republican	1
Andrew Jackson	Democratic	2
Martin Van Buren	Democratic	1
William Henry Harrison	Whig	Less than 1
John Tyler	Whig	1
James Knox Polk	Democratic	1
Zachary Taylor	Whig	Less than 1
Millard Fillmore	Whig	Less than 1
Franklin Pierce	Democratic	1
James Buchanan	Democratic	1
Abraham Lincoln	Union	1

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<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>POLITICAL PARTY</b>	<b># OF TERMS</b>
Andrew Johnson	Union	1
Ulysses Simpson Grant	Republican	2
Rutherford Birchard Hayes	Republican	1
James Abram Garfield	Republican	Less than 1
Chester Alan Arthur	Republican	1
Stephen Grover Cleveland	Democratic	1
Benjamin Harrison	Republican	1
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William McKinley	Republican	1
Theodore Roosevelt	Republican	2
William Howard Taft	Republican	1
Woodrow Wilson	Democratic	2
Warren Gamaliel Harding	Republican	Less than 1
Calvin Coolidge	Republican	Less than 2
Herbert Clark Hoover	Republican	1
Franklin Delano Roosevelt	Democratic	3

1. How many presidents on the chart served less than one full term?
2. How many presidents after George Washington followed his example and left office voluntarily after two terms?
3. How many terms did Franklin Delano Roosevelt serve?
4. Which president died sometime during his second term?
5. Which political party had the most presidents that served less than one complete term as president?
6. How many presidents on the chart only served one full term before leaving office?

## **ANSWERS**

1. five
2. seven
3. three
4. Calvin Coolidge
5. whigs
6. seventeen