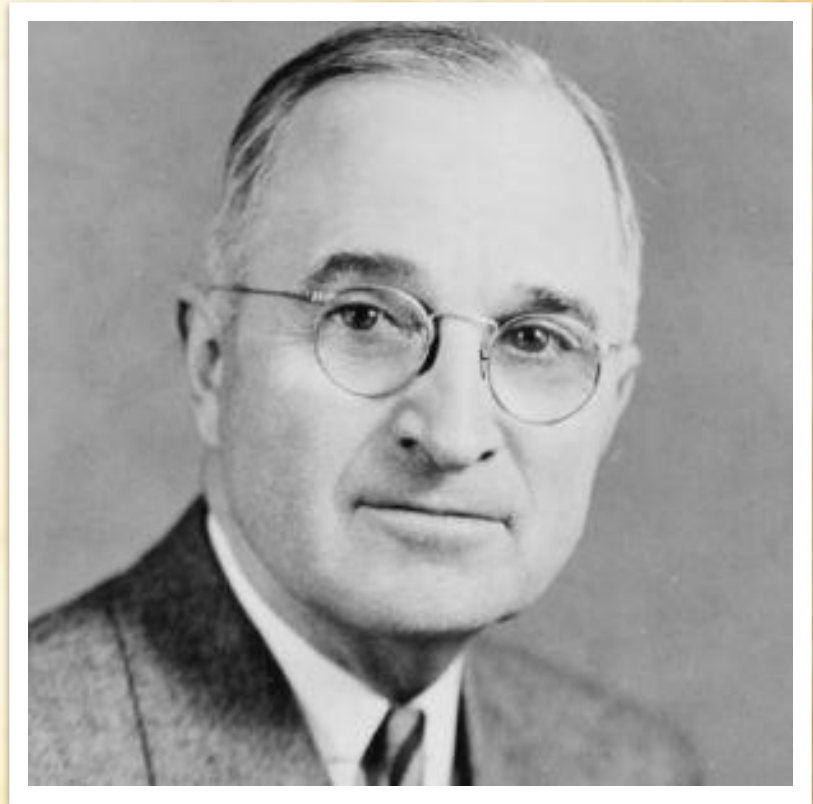# Harry Truman

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Harry S. Truman (May 8, 1884 – December 26, 1972) was an American politician who was the 33rd President of the United States. He was president during the final months of World War II, and approved the plan to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Life

Truman was born in Lamar, Missouri, and spent most of his youth on his family's farm. In the last months of World War I, he served in combat in France as an artillery officer. After the war, he joined the Democratic Party and then became a president.

Policy

Truman helped found the United Nations in 1945, issued the Truman Doctrine in 1947 to contain Communism, and gave $13 billion to Marshall Plan which must help with rebuilding Europe. Truman oversaw the creation of NATO in 1949. He was unable to stop Communists from taking over China. So when communist North Korea attacked South Korea in 1950, he sent U.S. troops and began the Korean War.