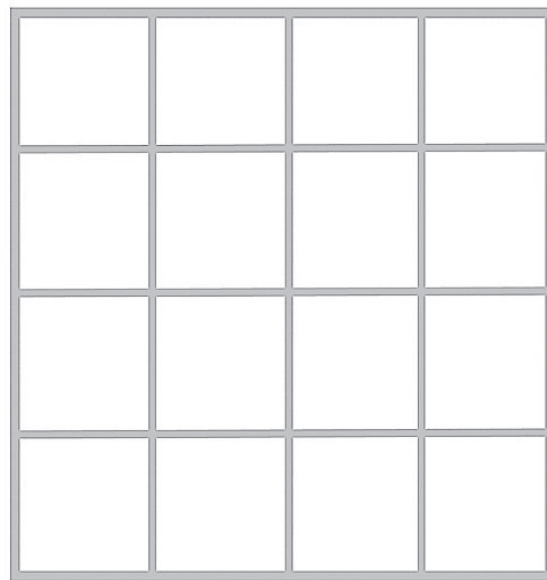
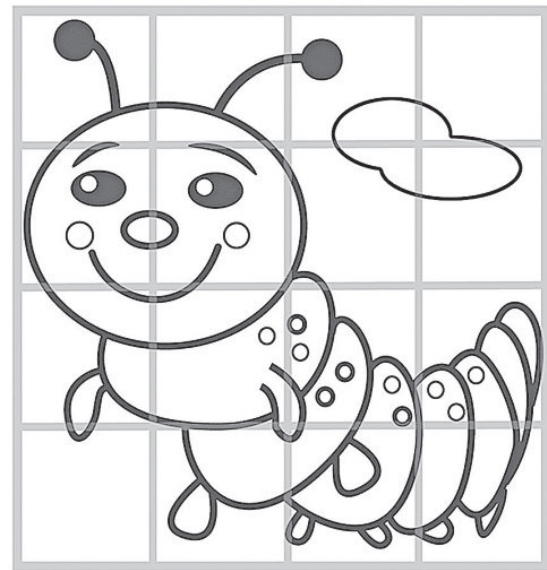


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# Who was John Tyler?

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**J**ohn Tyler isn't remembered as a great president. In fact, some people don't even remember he was president! But he has some family members who are still around and are working to make sure his legacy is a good one.

## Tyler's life

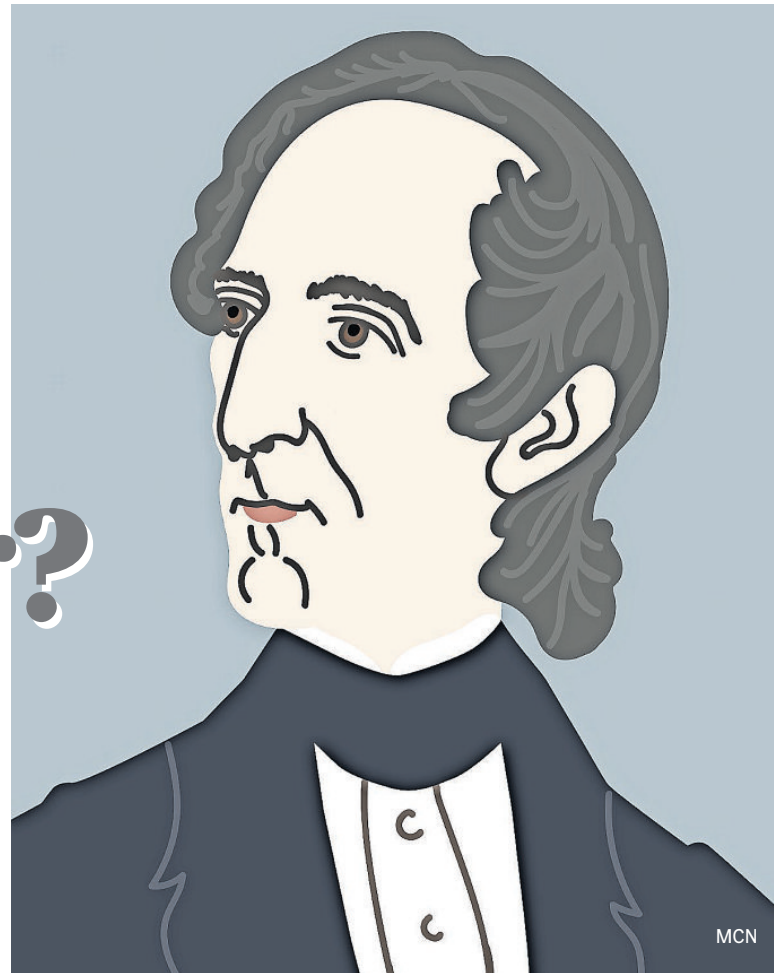
John Tyler was born in 1790, just a few years after the United States became a country.

Tyler was elected vice president in 1840 with President William Henry Harrison, but Harrison had a very short presidency. He died just a month after he took office, so Tyler became president then. Other vice presidents have become president when presidents have died, but John Tyler served longer than any other person to do so, serving from 1841 to 1845.

Tyler set another presidential record, too: He had more children than any other president. He had eight children with his first wife, Letitia, and when she died, he married a woman named Julia and had seven more. When his youngest child was born, he was 70 years old, a year before he died. This became really important to his legacy.

## Tyler's legacy

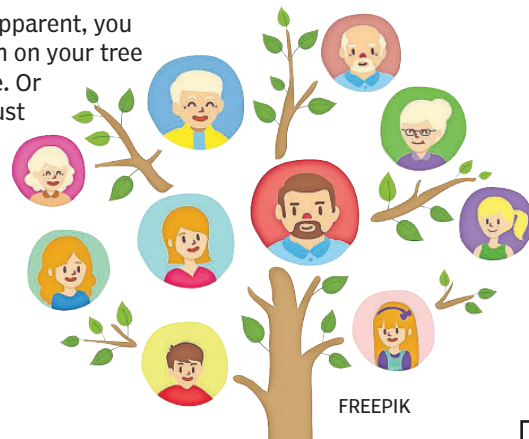
Tyler was not a popular president. He was a



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slave owner and fought against things his political party wanted. Some people actually tried to get him impeached, which is a process that can possibly get somebody kicked out of office.

But because of his children, he has an interesting legacy. Even though he was born more than 200 years ago, he has a grandchild still alive today. John Tyler's

son Lyon was born in 1853 and also had children late in life. His son, Harrison, is in his 90s and still alive today. And some of his other family members are working to educate the people of today about things their ancestor didn't know or didn't agree with. They maintain the plantation house where Tyler lived and are working to use it to educate people about why slavery was a bad idea.

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