

The Watergate Scandal

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1. There have been three presidential impeachment proceedings in American history. Who were they against and why?

2. Briefly describe the impeachment process.

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 - a. Who has the power of impeachment?
 - b. Who conducts the trial of the president once he has been impeached?

4. Briefly discuss Nixon's political career. What offices did he hold?

5. What happened on June 17, 1972?

6. What did investigations soon reveal?

7. What did President Nixon and his aides become deeply involved in?

8. What did the New York Times reveal in 1970?

9. What was Nixon's response?
10. What were the Pentagon Papers?
11. What was the purpose of the "Plumbers" unit?
12. Why did the plumbers break in to a psychiatrist's office? Why would they want this?
13. What was the purpose of the Watergate break-in?
14. What was discovered about Attorney General John Mitchell?
15. What was established in February of 1973? What was its purpose?
16. What events implicated Nixon as being personally involved?
17. What became the focus of the battle between the three branches of government?
18. What was the "Saturday Night Massacre?"
19. After Nixon agreed to turn over some of the tapes what was revealed? Who was blamed?
20. What did Nixon release in November of 1973? Why did this cause a national sensation?
21. What three articles of impeachment did the House Judiciary Committee approve?

22. What revelation resulted in the complete collapse of support for Nixon in Congress?

23. What happened on August 9, 1974? What did Nixon avoid by doing this?

24. Do you believe Nixon should have been impeached? Why or why not?