## The Presidency of Richard Nixon (1968-1973)

I.	The Election of 1968  a. Richard Nixon narrowly won the 1968 election, but the combined total of popular votes for Nixon and Wallace indicated what?
	i. This was important why?
II.	What did Nixon promise to do while president?
	<ul><li>a. Bring back</li><li>b. Repair America's image in the eyes of the world.</li><li>c. Provide strong leadership to end the chaos of the 1960's</li></ul>
III.	Nixon's Inauguration  a. 10,000 people turned out for Richard Nixon's inaugural parade in January 1969. Roughly  were demonstrators who pelted Nixon's procession with rocks, beer cans, and ink-filled balloons.
IV.	Nixon's Administration (1968-1973)
	a. Campaign promises:
	i. Promised to preserve ""
	ii. Called social programs of the 1960s an

iii. Define: "New Federalism"

	i.	How d	id Americans regard the govt. towards the end of the Vietnam War? Why was this?
c.	Civil Ri	ights	
	i.	Protest	s for civil rights continued into the late 1960s - WHY?
	ii.		was elected in 1968 with only 12% of the national black vote. Why was Nixon seen committed to civil rights than many of his predecessors?
	 111.	Civil Ri	ights under Nixon
		1.	Following Martin Luther King's assassination in 1968, race riots broke out in 120 cities nationwide.
		2.	In spite of the 1954 <i>Brown v. Board</i> ruling, the nation's schools were still highly segregated. (In 1968, nearly% of the black children in the South still attended all-black schools and northern was equally segregated.)
		3.	In some northern cities, like Boston, black parents sued school districts to remedy the situation. In Boston, courts implemented forced busing to move students from black to white neighborhoods and vice versa. Violence broke out
		4.	What approach did Nixon take to school desegregation?
		5.	How effective was Nixon's approach?

b. The Legacy of Vietnam

	i. ii.	Nixon knew it was important to maintain a clean public image.  "In the modern presidency, concern for image must rank with concern for substance," he once said. MEANING WHAT?
	;;; iii.	Publicly, he positioned himself as the defender of American morality, while privately he was often coarse and profane. Early in his career, he was labeled
	iv. v.	"because of his willingness to do anything to get ahead in his career  Nixon was willing to say or do anything to defeat his enemies.  Believing that the executive branch needed to be strong, Nixon gathered a close circle of trusted advisors around him – gave these advisors the authority to act as needed to protect the presidency.
e.		Daniel Ellsberg (an employee of the Defense Department) leaked a 7,000 page classified document on the Vietnam War (later known as the
	ii.	When the <i>New York Times</i> and <i>Washington Post</i> began to publish the Pentagon Papers, the Nixon Administration sued them. The Supreme Court ruled that the papers could publish the documents.
f.		hite House Plumbers  After the release of the Pentagon Papers, the White House created a secret unit to "stop the leaks whatever the cost."  1. This unit was called thebecause they stopped leaks.  2. What tactics did they use to prevent new leaks and gather useful info? (LIST)
	ii.	In 1971 they broke into the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist to find material to discredit him. It was later revealed that Nixon's domestic advisor knew of & approved the plan.
g.	In a sig	n of Nixon's suspicious, insecure, and obsessive nature, he was hyper focused on keeping

i. Frequently ignored Congress, the courts, and his own party to his own end.

d. Nixon's Character

power.

	h.	In addition to the Plumbers, Nixon's team assembled an "Enemies List" which included reporters, politicians, labor leaders, entertainers and corporate leaders. The list started with 20 names and grew to more than!  i. How did Nixon's administration handle its enemies? (LIST)
V.	Ni: a.	xon's Re-election Campaign & the <u>Watergate Break-in</u> When Nixon began focusing on re-election in 1972, the Plumbers turned their activities to political espionage.  i. On June 17, 1972, 5 men were arrested trying to do what?
	b. c.	One of the men arrested was the head of security for the Republican Party. The Nixon campaign denied any involvement.  Watergate came to public attention largely through the work of Bob Woodward & Carl Bernstein, two investigative reporters from the <i>Washington Post</i> . They kept the story in the public eye until Nixon's resignation.  i. The break-in was eventually tied to the Nixon reelection campaign.  ii. Later it was discovered that the Former Attorney General, head of Nixon's "
	d.	As the 1972 presidential campaign progressed, however, reports surfaced of violations of campaign regulations and laws. Democrats complained that an investigation by the Justice Department and the White House were insufficient and called for a special team to handle the matter.
	e.	Despite the growing stain of Watergate (which was not yet tied to the President,) Nixon won re-election by the largest margin in history to that point.  i% of the electoral vote  ii% of the popular vote
VI.	Th a.	e Senate Investigation and the Oval Office Tapes  The Senate began hearings into Watergate in May 1973. The hearings were televised in their entirety and focused on what?
	b.	During the investigation, the Senate discovered that the Oval Office had a secret taping system which had captured key conversations. The tapes were released in August 1974 (one tape had an minute gap!) – Why was this an issue?

	a. On July 27, 1974, the House Judiciary Committee approved Articles of against Nixon.				
	b. On August 9, 1974, Richard Nixon became				
VIII.	Aftermath				
	a. More than government officials went to prison for their role in Nixon was not one of them.	Watergate. Richard			
	b. In September 1974, President Gerald Ford gave Nixon a fulldoes this mean in legal terms?	What			
IX.	How do you think the Watergate affair affected the presidency in the short & long				

c. Tapes revealed that Nixon was involved from the beginning of the cover-up: authorized the payment of hush money and attempted to use the CIA to interfere with the FBI investigation.