

Watergate

The Scandal

What is Watergate?



Nixon and Watergate

- When Nixon resigns, Gerald Ford, his latest VP, becomes President and pardons Nixon from any possible crime he may have committed.
- It is now time for Nixon to get the trial the nation never got the chance to see.
- Each of you will have a roll in this trial, whether you are Nixon himself, the prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys or the jury.

Richard Nixon

- 1st Period- Brock Dixon
- 2nd Period- Jimmy Gomez
- 4th Period- Aiden Goodall
- 5th Period- Chace Simpson

**As Nixon, you want to prove to the jury that you are innocent.*

Prosecuting Attorneys

- Period 1- Aaron, Ethen, Kristen
- Period 2- Bailey, Kaylie, Zeke
- Period 4- Jason, Caitlyn, Rebekah
- Period 5- Austin, Kenzie, Gianna

- **As prosecuting attorneys, you want to prove that Nixon is guilty.*

Defense Attorneys

- Period 1- Olivia, Brayden, Abner
 - Period 2- Kevin, Alia, Jonah
 - Period 4- Rose, Jaden, Gianna
 - Period 5- Jocelynn, Cameron, KJ
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- **As defense attorneys, you want to prove that Nixon is innocent.*

Jury

- Anyone not mentioned in the above roles will be a juror. Your job is to decide whether or not Nixon is innocent or guilty. He will be charged with two crimes in relation to Watergate:
 - Burglary
 - *entry into a building illegally with intent to commit a crime, especially theft.*
 - Blackmail
 - *the action, treated as a criminal offense, of demanding payment or another benefit from someone in return for not revealing compromising or damaging information about them.*

Jury

- As the juror, you may find Nixon innocent or guilty of none, one or both charges. That will be up for you to decide.
- As the jury, you will need to elect a Foreperson. The Foreperson is responsible for overseeing jury deliberations and will read the verdict.

Research and Trial

- Each of you will get a packet with a requirement of information to fill out. What each group does will vary.
 - The packet is also available online (easier to click the links)
- Prosecution and Defense: You will need to hand a list of your questions to Nixon at the **BEGINNING** of the period on Wednesday, so they have time to prepare responses. You will also hand them to the opposing side.
- The trial begins Thursday.