

# Watergate

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The Scandal

What is Watergate?



# Nixon and Watergate

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- 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

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- 1st Period- Bouwe Byrne
- 2nd Period- Carly King
- 5th Period- Andrea Espinoza Noriega
- 6th Period- Landon Bristow

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

# Prosecuting Attorneys

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- Period 1- Davion, Jonathan, Isa
  - Period 2- Cristiano, Ella, Xion
  - Period 5- Karina, Piper
  - Period 6- Robert, Joevanny, Dylan
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- *\*As prosecuting attorneys, you want to prove that Nixon is guilty.*

# Defense Attorneys

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- Period 1- Mickey, Paige, AJ
  - Period 2- Dallas, Joaquin, Delia
  - Period 5- Leah, Valery
  - Period 6- Talan, Mia, Bee
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- *\*As defense attorneys, you want to prove that Nixon is innocent.*



# Jury

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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 on Monday, so they have time to prepare responses. You will also hand them to the opposing side.
- The trial begins Tuesday.