**Introduction:** You know the differences between democrats and republicans. You know what candidate in the upcoming election you side with most. However, you do not know what actions presidents took in recent American history that shape the world we live in today.

**Procedure**: You will work in a group to analyze the influence of each president on the US and the world. Each group will research the president’s response to **Social, Domestic, Economic and Foreign Affairs** issues. When you research **each issue**, you want to focus on…

* **What was the cause or background?** i.e.why did the President do what he did?
* **What was it - what did the president do?** i.e. explain it to someone who doesn’t know
* **How did the president’s action influence the US?** i.e. did the president’s action affect the US and world positively, or did it flop?

**Evaluation:** Part of your product will be an evaluation of your president as a whole. Your evaluation must include:

* **A compiled rating of 5 stars 🡪** Each category will have a score out of 5 🡪 add them up and divide by 4
* **Rationale 🡪** You must complete a 3-5 sentence paragraph on why you rated the president like that.
  + You do not need to go into specific details, but need to provide an overall summary

**Helpful hints:** Follow these helpful hints to ensure your success on this project

* **You must include an additional issue for 2 of the 4 categories.**
* Each group will include a section on **popular culture – what was cool? Movies, TV, music, games, style**
* Your poster must include **a picture of your president** and **the years they served.**

**Project Rubric**

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| **Areas of Improvement** | **My Expectation** | **Areas of Strength** |
|  | **Criteria 1: Background**  Provides an accurate description of the background and causes to the president’s actions. |  |
|  | **Criteria 2: Explanation**  Provides a detailed description of what the actions of the president were. |  |
|  | **Criteria 3: Outcome & Influence**  Provides an evaluation of how the actions of the president influenced America. |  |
|  | **Criteria 4: Rating**  Provides a presidential rating that is supported by an accurate rationale. |  |

**The Presidents and their Actions 🡪 Your group will select 1 president**

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| **1970s**  **Richard Nixon**   * Popular Culture- What was cool then? * Social- Integration * Domestic- Draft * Economic- High inflation and price freezing * Foreign Affairs- Open the door to China   **Gerald Ford**   * Popular Culture – What was cool then? * Social – Granted Nixon a Pardon * Domestic – WIN (Whip Inflation Now) * Economic – Over 50 vetoes * Foreign Affairs – SALT I Talks   **Jimmy Carter**   * Popular Culture – What was cool then? * Social – Department of Education * Economic – Deregulation of trucking and airlines * Domestic – Environmental Protection * Foreign Affairs – Camp David Accords | **1980s**  **Ronald Regan**   * Popular Culture – What was cool then? * Social – Abortion, prayer & evolution in schools * Domestic – Cut environmental protection * Economic - Reaganomics * Foreign Affairs – Strategic Defense Initiative   **George H.W. Bush**   * Popular Culture – What was cool then? * Social – Anti-Drug programs * Domestic – America 2000 * Economic – Deregulation and tax-cuts * Foreign Affairs – The first Gulf War |
| **1990s- Early 2000s**  **Bill Clinton**   * Popular Culture – What was cool then? * Social – Support for Gay Rights * Domestic – Gun Control * Economic - NAFTA * Foreign Affairs – Oslo Accords   **George W. Bush**   * Popular Culture – What was cool then? * Social – Supported Family Marriage Amendment * Domestic – Department of Homeland Security * Economic – Economic Stimulus Act 2008 * Foreign Affairs - 9/11 & the Iraq War | **Late 200s and 2010s**  **Barak Obama**   * Popular Culture – What was cool then? * Social – Executive order on Immigration * Domestic – The Affordable Care Act * Economic –Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act * Foreign Affairs – The use of drones   **Ms. Spletter will be the next president** |

**REMEMBER! I PROVIDED 1 ISSUE FOR EACH CATEGORY 🡪 YOU MUST PROVIDE 2 MORE ISSUES!!!!**