

**US since 1945**  
***Presidential Portfolio***

**Instructions: Part 2**  
***Politics during (your president)'s Presidency***

**Part A**

*Your task:* Find and evaluate 4 primary sources about political issues during your assigned four-year presidential term.

*Process:* Choose one major international policy issue and one major domestic policy issue during your presidential term (examples: race riots, Vietnam, nuclear weapons, poverty). For each of these topics you must find two primary sources, preferably one which indicates the president's point of view and one that critiques it. I strongly encourage you to use presidential speeches! You will research the background of these documents, analyze their meaning, and write your own evaluations (2-3 paragraphs) for each.

*Time Frame:* You will have tomorrow's class to search for these documents. Today, we will be watching a film and you should be brainstorming which issues and what types of documents you will be looking for. Your Analysis of these documents, along with clean copies of these documents to be displayed in your portfolio, will be due on Thursday, April 17.

\*Complete the worksheet provided during the film in order to give me an idea of what you are interested in researching so that I can offer you suggestions.

**Part B**

*Your task:* Make this portion of your portfolio presentable. These pages should be aesthetically pleasing and interesting. Pictures are strongly encouraged. You may use colored paper, illustrations, or other appropriate means of decorating. You may work on this at any time throughout the project. In fact you should be gathering pictures and artifacts you might want to include in the portfolio. The goal of decorating section two of the portfolio should be met by April 30.

*NOTE:* You will still be creating a timeline of your presidency and it will go between the biography and the political section. However, because it will serve as a sort of table of contents for the entire portfolio, we will be working on it towards the end of the project.

**A Presidential Portfolio**  
Research worksheet for Part 2

*As we watch the documentary “The Presidents” fill in the worksheet below. Use the information in the film to find topics you may want to research about your assigned president. Also, note comparisons among the different presidents as this will help you in your analysis.*

YOUR PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR EVENTS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS DURING HIS PRESIDENCY:

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MAJOR EVENTS IN DOMESTIC POLITICS DURING HIS PRESIDENCY:

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EVENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND PRIMARY SOURCES ABOUT:

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WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND? (WHAT TYPES OF MEDIA?)

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HOW WAS YOUR PRESIDENT COMPARED TO OTHERS?

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NOTES ON PLANNING YOUR RESEARCH:

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LIST OF SOURCES FOUND (FILL THIS IN ON TUESDAY)

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