**Ford & Carter Film Guide**

Read the topic, watch the movie, and circle the appropriate answer below.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Topic** | **Choice A** | **Choice B** | **Choice C** |
|  | **Gerald Ford** |  |  |  |
| 1 | Party affiliation | Democrat | Republican | Green |
| 2 | Home state | Michigan | Ohio | Arizona |
| 3 | Reputation | Stubborn | Corrupt | Open & Honest |
| 4 | Percentage of his time he was devoting to dealing with Watergate | 10 | 50 | 90 |
| 5 | Decided to do this as a result | Kill Nixon | Asked Nixon to plead guilty | Pardoned Nixon |
| 6 | This country broke a peace accord they signed with the US | North Vietnam | South Vietnam | Cambodia |
| 7 | This branch refused to give aid to help S. Vietnam | Judicial | Congress | Executive |
| 8 | This city fell to the communists | Saigon | Danang | My Lai |
| 9 | His goal: | To leave the country better than he found it | Purge the government of its demons | Make America great again |
|  | **Jimmy Carter** |  |  |  |
| 10 | Common response to his candidacy | Jimmy Carter rocks! | Jimmy Carter stinks! | “Jimmy who?” |
| 11 | Former occupation | Peanut farmer | Lawyer | Massage Therapist |
| 12 | Attraction to voters | Was very powerful | Was a Washington outsider | Was a great speaker |
| 13 | Hometown | Birmingham, AL | Atlanta, GA | Plains, GA |
| 14 | Party affiliation | Democrat | Republican | Green |
| 15 | How his inauguration was like Jefferson’s | It snowed | He gave a short speech | He walked |
| 16 | Graduated from | Yale | The US Naval Academy | Harvard |
| 17 | Religion | Southern Baptist | Catholic | Buddhist |
| 18 | Washington DC folks considered him to be a | A genius | A pushover | A Weirdo |
| 19 | Management style | delegator | micro-manager | intimidator |
| 20 | Philosophical approach | Idealistic | Practical |  |
| 21 | Guiding foreign policy concern | US oil access | Stopping communism | Human rights |
| 22 | Most important foreign relations achievement | The Camp David Accords | The Helsinki Accords | The INF Treaty |
| 23 | The two countries that signed it | Nicaragua & El Salvador | Israel & Egypt | USSR & US |
| 24 | His background experience that aided him | Was a Bible Teacher | He was a nuclear engineer | He was a marital counselor |
| 25 | How many days did the agreement take? | 13 | 50 | 3 |
| 26 | This caused his ratings to plummet. | His ‘Malaise’ speech | Energy & economic crisis | Three Mile Island accident |
| 27 | A major problem that was visible | Long gas lines | Youth drug culture | Inner city violence |
| 28 | Most difficult challenge of his presidency | Death of his wife, Roslyn | Soviet invasion of Afghanistan | Hostage crisis in Iran |
| 29 | Approach he chose to handle it | Declared war | diplomacy | denial |
| 30 | His primary goal in the crisis | Punish Iran | Bring the hostages home | End terrorism |
| 31 | Lost re-election bid to | Ronald Reagan | George H. Bush | Gerald Ford |
| 32 | When the hostages were freed | The day before Carter left office | A week after Reagan’s inauguration | After Reagan was inaugurated |
| 33 | Known for all these after his presidency EXCEPT | peacemaker | International statesman | Secretary General of the United Nations |
| 34 | Lesson learned through his presidency | “Don’t let fear of failure stop you.” | “Never let them see you sweat” | “It’s easier to ask for forgiveness than permission.” |
| 35 | Distantly related to | Bill Gates | Hillary Clinton | Elvis Presley & June Carter Cash |

**Reagan Film Guide**

Read the topic, watch the movie, and circle the appropriate answer below.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Topic** | **Choice A** | **Choice B** | **Choice C** |
| 1 | He beat Carter in this many states | 35 | 49 | 44 |
| 2 | Party affiliation | Republican | Democrat | Green |
| 3 | Home State | Virginia | California | Kansas |
| 4 | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ever elected | Tallest | Fattest | Oldest |
| 5 | Intelligence | Not the smartest guy | A genius | Above average |
| 6 | Communication skills | Lacking | Great | Inconsistent |
| 7 | Transforming moment | Assassination attempt | Inauguration | Election night |
| 8 | Perception of his leadership | He was a control freak | He was stubborn | He was a puppet |
| 9 | It was rumored he did this in cabinet meetings | cursed | slept | Drank |
| 10 | Darkest episode | Iran Contra Scandal | Watergate | Wife’s death |
| 11 | Sold weapons to this country | Iraq | N.Korea | Iran |
| 12 | Said “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the problem” | Apathy | Government | Ignorance |
| 13 | Increased spending in this area | Education | Environmental protection | The military |
| 14 | Lowered these | taxes | Gas prices | Homeless rates |
| 15 | Raised these | Taxes | Gas prics | deficits |
| 16 | Reelection bid | Unsuccessful | Successful | Didn’t run |
| 17 | Ignored these issues | AIDS, homelessness | Defense, communism | The economy, crime |
| 18 | He at first characterized the USSR as this | Bumbling buffoons | Our newest ally | An evil empire |
| 19 | This was the Soviet leader he became chummy with | Nikita Kruschev | Mikhail Gorbachev | Yuri Andropov |
| 20 | Most bizarre initiative | Tax cuts | SDI / Star Wars Initiative | Points of Light Awards |
| 21 | Soviet response to SDI | They were intimidated | They knew we were bluffing | They ignored it |
| 22 | Reagan visited here in 1987 | China | Vietnam | Berlin |
| 23 | In 1989 this happened | The Berlin Wall came down | Reagan was shot | We boycotted the Olympics |
| 24 | In 1990, this happened | The TWA hijacking | The Soviet Union fell apart | The Oklahoma City Bombings |
| 25 | In 2004, this happened | Clinton impeached | Tianenmen square | Reagan died |
| 26 | Reagan’s favorite politician | FDR | Truman | Goldwater |

**George H.W. Bush Film Guide**

Read the topic, watch the movie, and circle the appropriate answer below.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Topic** | **Choice A** | **Choice B** | **Choice C** |
| 1 | First one of these elected since 1836 | Catholic | Novelist | Vice Presidents |
| 2 | Pledge he made | “Read my lips, smaller government is the solution” | “Read my lips, no new taxes” | “ Read my lips, not a cent more for tribute.” |
| 3 | Party affiliation | Democrat | Green | Republican |
| 4 | Home state | Texas | Arkansas | Florida |
| 5 | Held all but this job | Ambassador | CIA director | Federal Reserve Chair |
| 6 | Graduated from | Yale | Harvard | Princeton |
| 7 | Public image | A real man’s man | A ladies’ man | A preppy wimp |
| 8 | Was a hero of this war | Vietnam | WWII | Korea |
| 9 | Management Style | Consensus builder | Micromanager | Intimidator |
| 10 | Favorite way to handle foreign affairs | Use force | Isolationism | Diplomacy |
| 11 | Reaction to end of Cold War | Muted | Ecstatic | Belligerent |
| 12 | Biggest test during his administration | Iran Contra Scandal | His impeachment hearings | Iraq invaded Kuwait |
| 13 | Main motivation | Protect human rights | Protect oil access | Defend democracy |
| 14 | This many nations joined us to fight Iraq | 34 | 3 | 76 |
| 15 | The amount of time it took our combined forces to free Kuwait | Days | Hours | Years |
| 16 | What Bush refused to do | Let Hussein remain in power | Listen to his advisors | Invade Iraq and overthrow Hussein |
| 17 | High deficits forced Bush to do this | Lower spending | Raise taxes | Print more money |
| 18 | His legacy | An example of political moderation | An example of uncompromising commitment to principle | An example of how “might makes right” |
| 19 | Asked this guy to resign | Clinton | Reagan | Nixon |

**Clinton Film Guide**

Read the topic, watch the movie, and circle the appropriate answer below.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Topic** | **Choice A** | **Choice B** | **Choice C** |
| 1 | Image | Preppy wimp | Rock n’ roll President | Cool, calm, collected |
| 2 | Party affiliation | Republican | Libertarian | Democrat |
| 3 | Home state | Arkansas | Alabama | Louisiana |
| 4 | Lifelong ambition | To be a professional athlete | To be president | To be a musician |
| 5 | Reputation | Charming / seductive | Cold, calculating | Happy go-lucky guy |
| 6 | Graduated from | Harvard | U. of Alabama | Yale |
| 7 | Management style | Micromanager | Chaotic | Delegator |
| 8 | What was unusual about Hillary’s office space? | It was painted pink | It was the oval office | It was in the West Wing |
| 9 | This reform plan of Clinton’s failed | Health care | Tax reform | Education reform |
| 10 | Why did Paula Jones sue Clinton? | Unpaid child support | Sexual harassment | Legal malpractice |
| 11 | This party won control of Congress for the first time in 40 years | Democrats | Independents | Republicans |
| 12 | Clinton’s nemesis | New Gingrich | Tom Daschle | Tom Delay |
| 13 | They battled over this issue | Welfare reform | The budget | Gay marriage |
| 14 | The resulting government shutdown was blamed on | Clinton | The Republicans | Hillary |
| 15 | The shutdown gave this woman access to the president | Nancy Pelosi | Barbara Walters | Monica Lewinsky |
| 16 | Re-election bid | Unsuccessful | Successful | Didn’t run |
| 17 | Clinton did this for the first time in MANY years | Lost weight | Started a draft | Balanced the budget |
| 18 | This eventually overshadowed and consumed his presidency | “Lewinsky-gate” | The Health Care Crisis | The War Against Terrorism |
| 19 | How many presidents have been impeached, including Clinton? | 1 | 2 | None |
| 20 | Clinton halted ethnic cleansing in this region | China | Sudan | Kosovo |
| 21 | Clinton oversaw this development in the economy | Largest expansion in history | Largest growth in the deficit | Highest tax rates |

**George W. Film Guide**

Read the topic, watch the movie, and circle the appropriate answer below.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Topic** | **Choice A** | **Choice B** | **Choice C** |
| 1 | Who won the popular vote in the election of 2000? | George W. Bush | Al Gore | Ralph Nader |
| 2 | The winner was unclear due to contested votes in this state | Tennessee | Illinois | Florida |
| 3 | Which branch of the federal government decided the issue? | The Supreme Court (judicial) | The Executive | The Legislative |
| 4 | Party affiliation | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
| 5 | Home state | Texas | Georgia | Connecticut |
| 6 | The only other president’s son to become president | Ronald Reagan, Jr. | Ben Harrison | John Quincy Adams |
| 7 | World view | Good v. evil | Isolationist | Interventionist |
| 8 | Image he embodied | Superman | Yosemite Sam | National sheriff |
| 9 | Graduated from | Yale | Harvard | Princeton |
| 10 | Speaking ability | Brilliant | Notoriously poor | Inconsistent |
| 11 | Lacks this | Courage | Decisiveness | Curiosity |
| 12 | Does not lack this | Decisiveness | Curiosity | Persuasiveness |
| 13 | This changed the pace of the White House | The internet | 9/11 attacks | His chief of staff |
| 14 | Bush’s reaction | Called for calm | Called for international cooperation | Called for revenge |
| 15 | 1st country we attacked after 9/11 | Afghanistan | Iran | Iraq |
| 16 | Created this new cabinet position | Dept. of Energy | Dept. of Education | Dept. of Homeland Security |
| 17 | Called Iran, Iraq and N.Korea this | The three musketeers | An “axis of evil” | A trifecta |
| 18 | His feelings about having international support | Take it or leave it | It’s a must have | Ambivalent |
| 19 | New foreign policy approach | Neutrality | “wait and see” approach | Pre-emptive strikes |
| 20 | Re-election bid | Unsuccessful | Successful | Didn’t run |