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**Modern America and their Presidents**

**Intro-** Within this unit we are looking into political parties. You now know where you stand, you know the candidates in the 2016 election, now I want you to know about former U.S. Presidents in their beliefs and performance in office.

**Task-** You will be analyzing the influence of each president with the 1970‘s-Present. Each group will be looking at the president’s response and performance in these 4 categories during his time as president.

* **Social**
* **Domestic Politics**
* **Economic**
* **Foreign Affairs**

Within each category you will need

* **Background-** What things were happening within that area during his presidency?
* **Action-** What policy/policies did the President put in place within that area?
* **Result and Influence-** Did the President’s actions affect the U.S. positively or negatively?
* **Group Evaluation-** After your background, action, and result/influence is finished give your president an A-F letter grade based on the evidence and rationale you have.

**Helpful Hints**

1. Each of these categories should have at least 2-3 issues discussed within the category.
2. You also will be adding another category, **Pop Culture** to help us better understand the United States during their presidency.
3. Make sure to provide a letter for your president in each category.
4. Provide a picture and years served.

U.S. Presidents

* Richard Nixon **(1968-1975)**
* Gerald Ford **(1975-1976)**
* Jimmy Carter **(1976-1980)**
* Ronald Reagan **(1980-1988)**
* George H.W. Bush **(1988-1992)**
* Bill Clinton **(1992-2000)**
* George W. Bush **(2000-2008)**
* Barack Obama **(2008-2016)**

**Names\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**President\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**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: Evaluation**  Provides a presidential evaluation that is supported by an accurate rationale. |  |

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