

Watergate Oral History

Teaching Resources

Rationale

Watergate is the most important political scandal of the twentieth century. This article is a firsthand account from the man who publicly revealed the existence of the taping system—Alexander P. Butterfield. It provides students the opportunity to work with and evaluate primary sources in the form of oral history. Additionally, it affords insight into how historians approach such a project.

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