

Watergate Web Activities

Teaching Resources

Rationale

Watergate is the most important political scandal of the twentieth century. *The Watergate Files Website* maintained by the Gerald Ford Library and Museum provides accurate concise information about the scandal and the constitutional crisis it created and is an excellent supplement to any textbook information.

URL and Navigation

http://www.ford.utexas.edu/museum/exhibits/watergate_files/index.html

Once the students enter the address they will see this page:



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They need to click enter, and then they will see the following:

After June 17, 1972, the word "Watergate" could no longer be just the name of an office and hotel complex in Washington, D.C. On that date it became a byword for political corruption.

In the early hours of that mid-June morning, and in the middle of a presidential campaign, five men were arrested for breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters located in one of the Watergate offices.

The details of this story would form an ever-rising pool of political deceit in which swirled a constitutional crisis that claimed a presidency.



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the Watergate files

THE WATERGATE TRIAL
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The Watergate Trial > Overview

When Judge John Sirica gave the trial of the Watergate seven to order on January 8, 1973, federal investigators had already discovered a covert slush fund used to underwrite nefarious activities against Democrats. The money and the men on trial could be linked to the Committee to Re-elect the President (CRP) at whose head sat the former Attorney General of the United States, and President Nixon's former law partner, John Mitchell. At the trial, E. Howard Hunt, who had planned the break-in, and four of the burglars pleaded guilty. G. Gordon Liddy, who helped in the planning, and James McCord, the other burglar, refused to cooperate, were convicted of various charges, and sentenced to prison.

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Government Exhibit One: Photograph of the Watergate Complex

The activity you have chosen, either Watergate Timeline or Who's Who, will determine what link they click on next for Watergate Timeline they click Timeline. Each file tap has a timeline make sure the students click on each tap. If they are working on Watergate Who's Who the students need to click on People. Again, each file tap has a people section; some people are listed more than once and the same information is given, for example, Richard Nixon. As with the timeline, make sure the students click on each tap.