

U.S. Presidents: Truman and Johnson

Crack the medium-level codes and explore their lives

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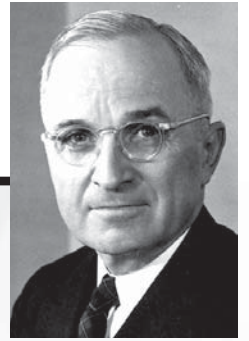
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Harry Truman



TOP SECRET

BE AWARE – this code may not be what it seems. You will not need to make any corrections to the article; just think about the letters that are marked.

As a small boy growing up in Missouri, Harry Truman had to wear large, thick glasses. He was often teased and unable to play sports because of these glasses. But Harry was very good at playing the piano and loved reading. By the time he was a teenager, he had read every book in his local library! Instead of going to college, Harry worked at a bank, on a railroad, and on a farm. In 1917, Harry volunteered to serve in World War I.

After the war, Harry asked a friend to help him be elected as a judge in Missouri. After he won and had served, Harry then moved on to the United States Senate. It was here that he helped the country save millions of dollars by carefully watching money spent by the military. When Franklin D. Roosevelt ran for his fourth term as President, he asked Harry to be his Vice President. When President Roosevelt died, Harry became the 33rd President of the United States.

World War II was still being fought during this time. The fighting in Japan was growing worse, and President Truman had to make a hard choice. The United States had developed a new bomb called the atom bomb. If the U.S. used it against Japan, the war would most likely end. But if the bomb was dropped, many people would die. President Truman chose to drop two atom bombs on Japan. Two cities, Nagasaki and Hiroshima, were destroyed. World War II came to an end.

While working in his office, President Truman was a strong and serious man. But when he was at home in the White House, he was much more relaxed. He spent as much time as he could with his wife and daughter. He was always surrounded by

Questions:



1. "The Three _____" was the nickname given to President Truman, his wife, and his daughter because of the amount of time they spent together.
2. What was President Truman's favorite type of cake? (2 words) _____
3. What school subject did President Truman like so much that he wished he had become a teacher? _____
4. What card game did President Truman love to play? _____
5. Harry Truman's daughter was a mystery writer as well as a _____.
6. The University of Missouri's mascot, Truman the _____, was named after President Truman.
7. President Truman had a sign on his desk, telling people he would not pass off any of his responsibilities as president. What did the sign say? (4 words) _____

8. Because he was so concerned about his schedule, President Truman had nine _____ in his office by the end of his second term.

Questions:



1. As a young man, Lyndon Johnson _____ grapes to make money.

First paragraph, fifth sentence, past-tense verb

2. President Johnson hated when extra lights were left on in the _____; he would often stomp around and turn them all off. (2 words)

Second paragraph, second sentence, proper noun

3. The first _____ - _____ judge to be appointed to the Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall, was chosen by President Johnson.

Third paragraph, third sentence, proper adjective

4. President Johnson would often declare “_____ breaks” in the middle of a meeting!

Second paragraph, second sentence, verb used as an adjective

5. Taking visitors on 90 m.p.h. car trips around his ranch in _____ was a favorite activity of President Johnson's.

Fifth paragraph, eleventh sentence, proper noun

6. Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as President on an airplane when President Kennedy _____ in 1963.

First paragraph, sixth sentence, past-tense verb

7. President Johnson had two pet beagles named _____ and Her.

Second paragraph, fourth sentence, singular pronoun

8. President Johnson often gave toothbrushes as _____ so friends would think of him both in the morning and at night.

Second paragraph, fifth sentence, plural noun