

<b>Period 9</b>	
Yasser Arafat	Arafat was the President of the State of Palestine and the leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. He Leadership advocated for a free Palestine away for the Israeli State. Under the Oslo Accords, Arafat was able to have Palestine Recognized as an independent state in return he and his country had to recognize the existence of Israel.
Osama bin Laden	Leader of the Taliban that carried out the attack during September 11 <sup>th</sup> 2001 in New York, Washington D.C, and the crash of United 93 in Pennsylvania. Led to the War in Afghanistan and the War against Terror. Under the Presidency of Barack Obama, Bin Laden was killed in Pakistan on May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2011.
George H.W. Bush (Republican)	41 <sup>st</sup> President of the United States. He was the Vice President of Ronald Reagan and the father of George W. Bush. He was responsible for calling out the morals of America with the attacks on pop culture such as rap music's influence on kids. He also talked about establishing a New World Order where a Rule of Law would governor all of the countries of the world.
George W. Bush (Republican)	43 <sup>rd</sup> President of the United States. He inherited an economic surplus from the Clinton Presidency. During his Presidency Bush had to deal with the September 11 <sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks, Hurricane Katrina, War in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Great Recession. The downfalls of his administration led to the election of President Obama and the Hope and Change Movement
Bill Clinton (Democrat)	42 <sup>nd</sup> President of the United States. Under his Presidency, Clinton was responsible for a major surplus. Clinton was heralded as a great modern president by many in the U.S. However, Clinton had many sex scandals before and during his Presidency, most notably his sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky. He was sentenced to congressional impeachment, but was not removed from office. His wife Hillary Clinton would later run for President of the United States both in 2008 and 2016.
Hillary Clinton	Former Senator of NY, Hillary Clinton ran as a Democratic Presidential candidate in 2008 and 2016. She lost to then Senator Barack Obama, but was appointed as Secretary of State under his

	<p>administration. When she ran against Trump, the Benghazi raid as well as her private email server was called into question. Her nomination for the Democratic Party, put our country one step closer to “cracking the glass ceiling” for women in politics. Like Al Gore, HRC won the popular vote, but lost the electoral college allowing for Trump to win the race in 2016.</p>
Newt Gingrich	<p>Gingrich was a Republican congressman from Georgia and was the Speaker of the House during the Presidency of Bill Clinton. He was known for welfare reform and the balancing of the budget during the 1990s. His work helped elect a Republican Majority in Congress in 1994. Gingrich had an unsuccessful run as President in 2012. He did not escape the Republican Primary. Now he is an outspoken commentator for the right wing.</p>
Mikhail Gorbachev	<p>Chairman of the USSR during the ending era of Communism. Gorbachev policies of Perestroika and Glasnost allowed for more openness and transparency in Russia. Under his leadership, the Berlin Wall came down in East Germany.</p>
Al Gore	<p>Gore was the Vice President of the United States, under President Bill Clinton. He was also known for being credited with the economic surplus as well as the various treaties carried out during the 90s. Gore ran for President in 2000 and was able to secure the popular vote. However, the Florida electoral votes were taken away from him and given to Bush and then being judged as too close to call. This election was settled in the Supreme Court, where the election was given to Bush. Gore is now the face of Climate Change and pushed to establish an organization to deal with these issues called Greenpeace.</p>
Saddam Hussein	<p>President of Iraq and the leader of the Baath Party. Hussein was a military authoritarian dictator who was responsible for several atrocities in his country against his own people. His sons were also known to have committed several crimes against men and women as well. In his early years as leader, Saddam invaded Kuwait and its oil fields during the Persian Gulf War. During the Iraq war, the United States Armed Forces found him living in an underground bunker. He was captured and tried by the Iraqi judiciary. He was later hung for his war crimes.</p>

John Kerry	Kerry was a Democratic Senator from Massachusetts who ran against George W. Bush in 2004. He lost against Bush, but would later become Secretary of State after HRC retired.
Monica Lewinsky	Woman who was involved in a major sex scandal with President Bill Clinton. She became a media magnet after the fact and was used by various Republicans as a tool of immorality of the Clinton Presidency.
Nelson Mandela	Leader of the African National Congress and the first democratically elected President of the Independent Republic of South Africa. Nelson Mandela fought against Apartheid and attempted and succeeded in creating a "Rainbow Nation". Before he became President Mandela was in jail for 27 years.
Oliver North	North was a Lieutenant in the U.S Marine Corp. He was famous for its lack of testimony on the stand of the Senate hearing in regards to his involvement in the Iran-Contra scandal during the Reagan Presidency, as he plead the 5 <sup>th</sup> during the hearing.
Barack Obama (Democrat)	44 <sup>th</sup> President of the United States and the first African American to ever be elected to that office. He oversaw passage of the Affordable Care Act and the capture and execution of Osama bin Laden. The Auto Bailout early during his Presidency as well as a very low unemployment rate were some of his various accomplishments of his presidency. However, New threats from ISIS and the civil war in Syria were challenges to his Presidency. While he was president, the Supreme Court legalized gay marriage as well. Unfortunately, he was plagued with the age of Birtherism which questioned whether or not he was actually born in the U.S. This birtherism led to the age of Trump.
Sandra Day O'Connor	Appointed to the U.S Supreme Court by Ronald Reagan, O'Connor was confirmed by the Senate as the first female Supreme Court Justice. One of her most notable cases was the Bush v. Gore Presidential Election case. She pushed that the decision would not be used as precedent in any future cases in regards to elections.
Vladimir Putin	President of the Russian Federation. Putin was an ex KGB member during the Cold War. He is seen as an authoritarian by many leaders however, he

	<p>is the leader of one of the world's superpowers. He didn't have a great relationship with President Obama especially during the Syrian Crisis. Currently he is now involved in a collusion investigation tied to Trump's election team.</p>
Ronald Reagan (Republican)	<p>40<sup>th</sup> President of United States. Reagan would win in a landslide against Carter in 1980 and Walter Mondale in 1984. Reagan is credited for his Reaganomics Economic policy and his increasing character as an American cult of personality. He like Nixon would go extremely hard on the War on Drugs especially in the African American community. Iran0-Contra was also an issue in which the United States were trading weapons with Iran in exchange for money to help fund the Anti-Communist Contras in Nicaragua.</p>
William Rehnquist	<p>Justice Rehnquist was a Supreme Court justice who was nominated by Ronald Reagan as Chief Justice of the United States. He was known as a very conservative justice would tend to view issues of Federalism on a states decide basis.</p>
Pat Robertson	<p>Famous conservative, Republican, Christian Preacher who would call for a religious revival of Christians during the early 90s. He would found the Christian Broadcast Network aimed at informing the public of the powers of Jesus Christ. He would make several controversial statements about natural disasters being the work of God due to the either the individuals life choices or religious beliefs. He has also said that he received visions of the results of elections before they happened. He has been wrong several times.</p>
Boris Yeltsin	<p>First President of the Russian Federation during the time that Bill Clinton was President of the United States. Yelsin and Clinton had various discussions on how to handle various affairs internationally. One of those affairs had to deal with the Russian invasion of Kosovo. He threaten to go to nuclear war with the United States over our NATO involvement in the Kosovo War. Yeltsin would later resign as President and because of this, Putin would take over as President in 1999. (Putin would be President again in 2012-)</p>