

# Presidential March Madness

Each student will present a match-up between two presidents. They will then determine which president would win when comparing their presidencies. (Make sure to limit yourself to things that happened DURING the president's tenure in office: I'm looking at you Jimmy Carter).

The presentations should be between 5-10 mins long and meet the following criteria for **both** presidents:

- Context: Timeframe of years in office, political party, and overview of America during this time.
- Compare/Contrast each of these categories:
  - Foreign Affairs – Ways this president got along with other countries.
  - Public Opinion – How Americans reacted to this president (largely approve or disapprove?). Was the president unanimously supported by his party?
  - Political Reform – Changes made by his president's administration that affected the country.
  - Social Changes – Major changes to American society during the presidency. Were these changes because of the president or in spite of him? Assess whether they were good or bad for the country.

**\*Do more than just identify what something is/was. Explain the significance of that decision and how it affected the country.**

Make a final decision on which president would win in a head-to-head competition. The class will then vote on whether they agree or disagree with you. 2/3 majority can overturn a decision.

Sample Rubric:

	Level 5	Level 4-3	Level 2-1	Level 0
Context (10pts)	Meets all criteria for both presidents	Meets criteria for only one president. OR Information is inaccurate for one president	Information inaccurate for both presidents	Missing Information
Provide information on foreign affairs, public opinion, political reform, and social changes. (15pts)	Project adequately addresses all information for both presidents	Information presented for most areas.	Information missing for a majority of areas.	Missing specific information
Final Judgement (10pts)	Provides educated reasoning as to why one president deserved to win over another.	Final Judgement made, but contains invalid reasoning not supported by facts.	Final Judgement made, but missing reasoning.	Missing Final Judgement
Presentation creativity (5pts)	Project uses multiple ways to make presentation entertaining. (color, transitions, fonts, humor, and/or images)	Project uses only minor enhancements.	Project uses minimal strategies for enhancement.	Project lacks creativity and seems thrown together at the last minute.
Total Points	/40			