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## RICHARD M. NIXON

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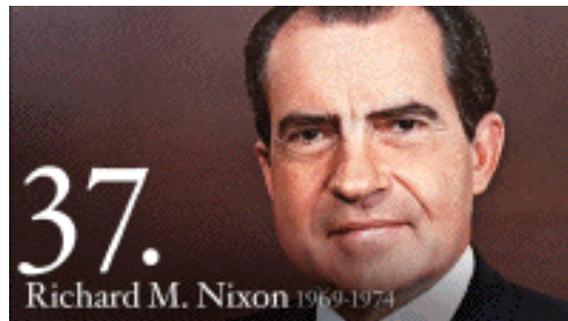


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On leaving the service, he was elected to Congress and in 1950, he won a Senate seat. Two years later, General Eisenhower selected Nixon, age 39, to be his running mate. As Vice President, Nixon took on major duties and was nominated for President in 1960. He lost by a narrow margin to John F. Kennedy. In 1968, he again won his party's nomination and the presidential election.

His term in office saw many historic accomplishments. One of the most dramatic events occurred in 1969, when American astronauts made the first moon landing. During visits in 1972 to Beijing and Moscow, he reduced tensions with China and the U.S.S.R. which led to a treaty to limit strategic nuclear weapons. In January 1973, he ended American involvement in Vietnam.

In his 1972 bid for office, Nixon defeated Democratic candidate George McGovern by one of the widest margins on record. Within a few months the "Watergate" scandal broke. Reporters uncovered his associates breaking into his Democratic rival's offices. Nixon denied any personal involvement and resigned on August 8, 1974. He died from a severe stroke in 1994, aged 81.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

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# STUDENT RICHARD M. NIXON SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Richard M. Nixon in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about Richard M. Nixon. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Richard M. Nixon. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. RICHARD M. NIXON POSTER** Make a poster about Richard M. Nixon. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY RICHARD M. NIXON LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on Richard M. Nixon. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on Richard M. Nixon. Share your findings with the class.

