

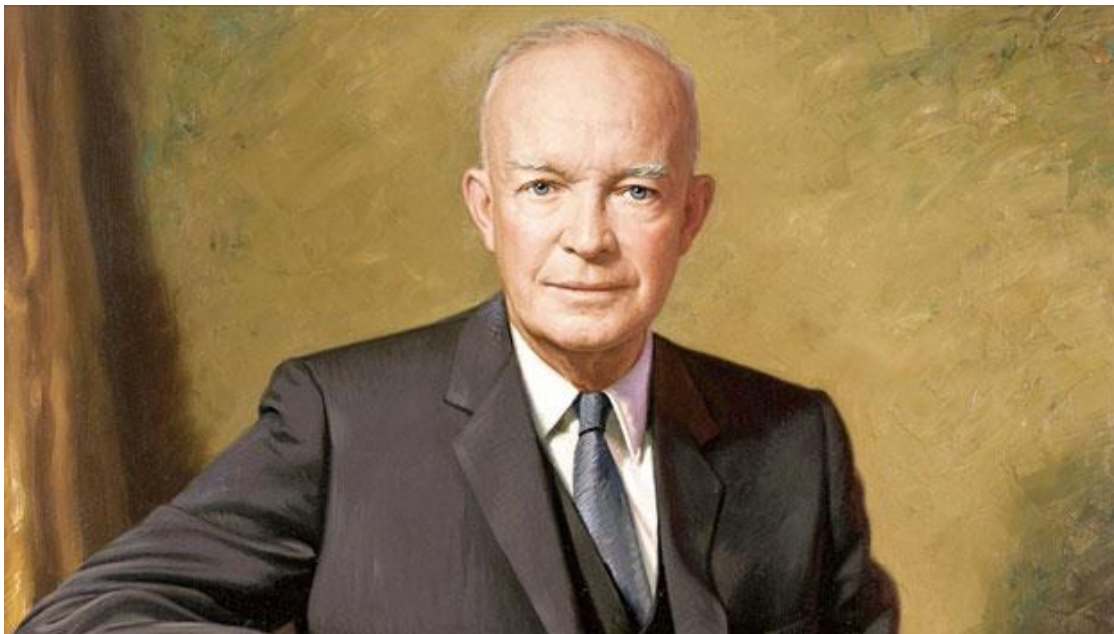
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Dwight Eisenhower Webquest and Video Analysis- Key

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<http://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/dwight-d-eisenhower> (History.com)



To begin this assignment, watch the Presidents series video: Dwight D Eisenhower on YouTube and then answer the following questions.

1. A reluctant politician, which party did Eisenhower decide to run under in the 1952 election? Why?
 - He chose to run as a Republican due to his dissatisfaction of how the Democrats had handled the Korean War and due to charges of corruption in the White House.
2. Why did Eisenhower decide to run for president?
 - He believed America was going in the wrong direction and he felt he was the right man to be able to help the country.

3. How is Eisenhower often remembered besides being the president?
 - He was the mastermind of D-day.
4. How did Eisenhower mimic the way George Washington handled being president? Why would a person want to do this?
 - He wanted to convince people that he was no politician.
 - If people believe you aren't an ordinary politician, they may go easier on you if you make a mistake.
5. What was the slogan used by Eisenhower supporters?
 - "I like Ike" or "We like Ike".
6. Describe Eisenhower's personality.
 - He was likeable, honorable, decent, and confident.
 - He wanted to do what was right for the country.
7. What was Eisenhower's first significant accomplishment as president? Why is this still relevant?
 - He brought an end to the Korean War.
 - The armistice is still in effect today.
8. How was Eisenhower's presidency different than his military career?
 - In the military he was focused on waging war, in politics he wanted to pursue peace.
9. Why did Eisenhower downgrade military spending?
 - By spending less on the military he could spend more on infrastructure and quality of life of Americans.
10. What was the world's largest public works project which Eisenhower pushed through Congress? What kind of an impact did this act have?
 - The Federal Highway Act
 - It completely changed the American way of life.
11. What did the Supreme Court ban in 1954?
 - It banned segregation in public schools with Brown v. Board of Education.

12. Why did Eisenhower publicly distance himself from the Supreme Court ruling?
- He thought it was disruptive and an inappropriate role for the federal government.
 - He believed the country wasn't ready for desegregation yet.
13. Who did Eisenhower pledge support to in 1954?
- The pro-western government of South Vietnam against the communist North.
14. Why did Eisenhower easily win re-election in 1956?
- America enjoyed peace and great prosperity during his first term.
 - The economy was soaring.
15. Why did Eisenhower appear weak during his second term?
- He had a heart attack in 1955
 - He had an aloof response to the civil rights issues emerging.
16. What was launched by the Soviets in 1957? How did American's respond?
- They launched Sputnik, the first ever satellite, into space.
 - Americans were hysterical, the Russians had beaten America to space.
17. How did the American government respond to Sputnik?
- They got back to work and said this was a race for space now and we can't let the Soviets beat us.
18. Who seized power in Cuba in 1959? What did this person establish?
- Fidel Castro.
 - He created a revolutionary regime only 90 miles from Florida.
19. Why did Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe during World War 2, want to leave a legacy of peace?
- He had fought and seen the destructiveness of war.

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20. Where and when was Dwight Eisenhower born? Where did he grow up?
- He was born in Denison, Texas, on October 14, 1890
 - Eisenhower grew up in Abilene, Kansas.

21. Where did Eisenhower attend college? When did he graduate?

- He won an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.
- He graduated in 1915.

22. Who did Eisenhower marry in 1916?

- Mamie Geneva Doud.

23. Why was Eisenhower frustrated at the conclusion of World War 1?

- World War I ended just before Eisenhower was scheduled to go to Europe.

24. Who did Eisenhower serve under during the interwar years?

- General John J. Pershing, commander of U.S. forces during World War I, and later to General Douglas MacArthur.

25. Prior to being named a full general, what accomplishments did Eisenhower achieve in World War 2?

- In September 1941, he received his first general's star becoming a brigadier general.
- Beginning in November 1942, Eisenhower headed Operation Torch, the successful Allied invasion of North Africa.
- He then directed the amphibious invasion of Sicily and the Italian mainland in 1943 that led to the fall of Rome in June 1944.

26. What appointment did Eisenhower receive in early 1943?

- He was made a full general in early 1943.
- Eisenhower was appointed supreme commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force in December of that year.

27. Describe D-Day and the result of the invasion.

- On D-Day (June 6, 1944), more than 150,000 Allied forces crossed the English Channel and stormed the beaches of Normandy.
- The invasion led to the liberation of Paris on August 25.
- It turned the tide of the war in Europe decisively in the Allied direction.

28. How could you argue that Eisenhower's rise through the ranks was meteoric?

- He rose from lieutenant colonel in the Philippines to supreme commander of the victorious forces in Europe in only five years.

29. What role did President Harry Truman ask Eisenhower to take on in 1950?

- President Harry Truman asked him to take command of the new NATO forces in Europe.

30. Who ran as Eisenhower's vice president in the 1952 election?

- Richard Nixon.

31. Describe President Eisenhower's domestic policy achievements.

- He strengthened the Social Security program, increased the minimum wage and created the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.
- In 1956, Eisenhower created the Interstate Highway System, the single largest public works program in U.S. history.

32. How did Eisenhower respond to Senator Joe McCarthy's anti-communist crusade?

- To preserve party unity, Eisenhower refrained from publicly criticizing McCarthy.
- He privately disliked the senator and worked behind the scenes to diminish McCarthy's influence and eventually discredit him.

33. Even though he was hesitant to carry out swift civil rights changes for the country, how did Eisenhower further African American's rights?

- He did send federal troops to Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957 to enforce integration of a high school there.
- Eisenhower signed civil rights legislation in 1957 and 1960 providing federal protection for black voters.

34. After the end of the Korean War, what was the only location Eisenhower sent combat troops to during his presidency?

- Lebanon in 1958.

35. What did Eisenhower authorize the CIA to do? Be specific.

- To undertake covert operations against communism around the world,
- They toppled the governments of Iran in 1953 and Guatemala in 1954.

36. What future conflict did Eisenhower draw the United States into by supporting the anti-communist government in South Vietnam?

- The Vietnam War.

37. What was Eisenhower's "open skies" proposal? How did the USSR and the rest of the world respond?

- The United States and Soviet Union would conduct air inspections of each other's military programs.
- The USSR rejected the proposal, though it won international approval.

38. Which military alliance did Eisenhower create to combat communist expansion in the region?

- The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO).

39. Why did Eisenhower warn the American people of the dangers of the "military-industrial complex" during his farewell address?

- Due to the combination of national defense needs with advances in technology, he warned, a partnership between the military establishment and big business threatened to exert an undue influence on the course of American government.

40. What did Eisenhower do following his time as president?

- He retired to his farm in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
- He worked largely on his memoirs, and would publish several books over the following years.

41. When did Dwight Eisenhower die?

- He died on March 28, 1969, after a long illness.

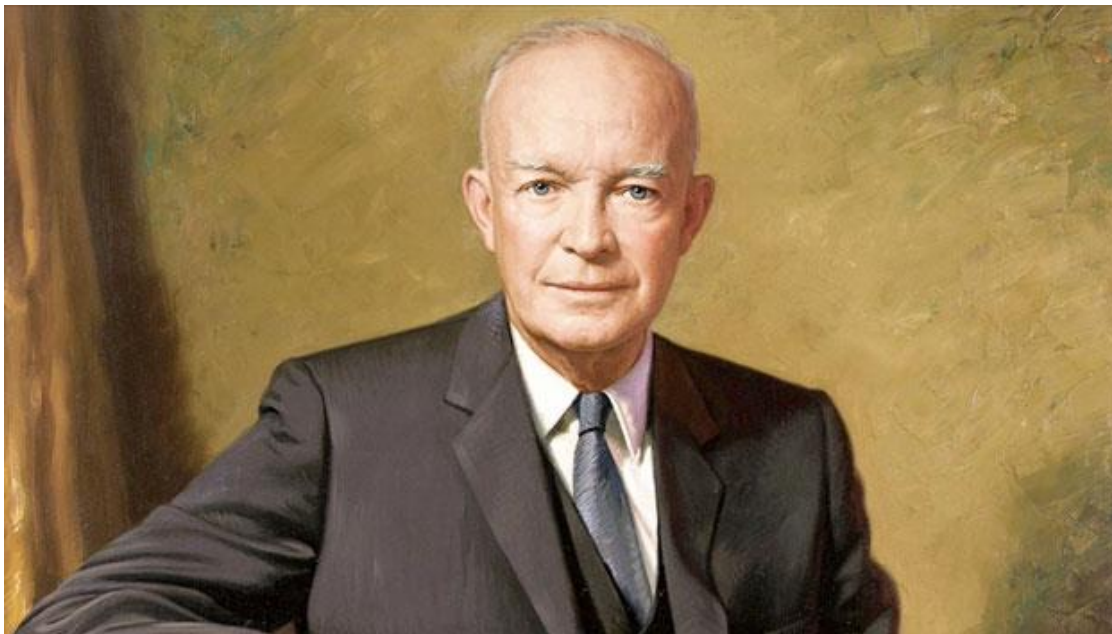
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