



When 5 men were caught breaking into the Democratic Headquarters at the Watergate Hotel, many people suspected President Richard Nixon was involved. The burglars had cameras and listening devices for the phone systems. While it is unclear whether or not Nixon knew about the break-in, he definitely tried to cover it up. Using tapes Nixon had made of his phone conversations, the FBI found that the President and his assistants made payments to the burglars to keep them quiet and Nixon even used the CIA to stop the FBI investigation of the Watergate Affair. To make matters worse, Nixon's Vice President Spiro Agnew was found to have been taking bribes forcing him to resign. Finally, on August 5, 1974, with reporters from the Washington Post hot on his trail, Richard Nixon resigned and Gerald Ford, who had been named VP after the Agnew scandal, became the 38th President of the United States.

1. What is Nixon doing in the above cartoon?
2. How do we know Nixon was guilty of trying to covering up the Watergate Affair?
3. What did Nixon do that was illegal?
4. How did Gerald Ford become Vice President?
5. How did Gerald Ford become President?
6. What effect do you think the Watergate Affair have on the American people?
7. Video: How did the burglars use tape during the robbery?
8. Video: Why did the Security Guard call the cops?
9. Video: What were the names of the reporters covering the story for the Washington Post?
10. Video: Why was it important that they continued to cover the Watergate Story?