

Guided Reading Activity

Politics and Economics 1968–1980

Lesson 2 *Watergate Scandal*

Review Questions: Recording Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How Statements

Directions: Read each main idea and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

A. Main Idea: The Watergate scandal occurred because Nixon and his supporters were concerned about his reelection campaign.

1. **Why** did reporter Bob Woodward become interested in what appeared to be a routine burglary?

2. **What** was the atmosphere of the Nixon White House?

3. **Who** ordered the break-in at the Democratic Party headquarters?

4. **How** did Nixon become involved in the break-in?

5. **What** was the result of the 1972 presidential election?

B. Main Idea: A Senate committee investigation of the burglary opened a floodgate of confessions and led to the resignation of the president.

1. **Who** was John Dean?

2. **Why** did Nixon refuse to hand over his tape recordings?

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3. **Why** did Nixon resign?

4. **What** was the impact of the Watergate scandal?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What was the importance of the Watergate scandal in American history?

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