

## Grading the Presidents

You are historians who have been asked by *Gallup* to grade presidents for the polling company's rankings of U.S. presidents from first to worst. You are focusing only on presidents who served since the 1970s.

For each of the Presidents (except Ford, who only served for two and a half years) you must give him a grade of A, B, C, D, or F (you may use pluses and minuses). Give three or four reasons why the President earned the grade you gave him. Consider in your response the long-term impact of the President as well as which factors ought to weigh the most. Consider whether there is a single factor that overrides all the others.

President	Grade	Why?
Richard Nixon (1969-1974)		
Jimmy Carter (1977-1981)		
Ronald Reagan (1981-1989)		

President	Grade	Why?
George Bush (1989-1993)		
Bill Clinton (1993-2001)		
George W. Bush (2001-2009)		

Which of the above Presidents was the best? Why? The worst? Why?