

THE POWER GAME

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THE POWER GAME: GOLF



A CENTURY OF PRESIDENTIAL GOLF

Imagine you have a scrapbook of memories – a collection of pictures and stories about your friends. Then imagine that all of those friends were presidents of the United States.

The booklet you are holding is like a scrapbook assembled after playing golf with presidents of the past century. The pages allow you, for a few minutes, to connect with each of the 18 men who served as president since 1909. Look at their pictures, read about how and when they played golf and find the actual words they used to describe their personal games and their feelings about it.

But though they were all presidents, they were all unique human beings. Like all people, they have had different ways of finding balance and joy in their lives. And, as a group they have had a wide range of views about the game and approaches to playing it.

PRESIDENTIAL PUZZLER

Taft was the 27th president. Number the pictures in the order of their presidency. A few have been filled in for you.

George W. Bush Herbert Hoover Lyndon B. Johnson James E. Carter Barack Obama Warren G. Harding

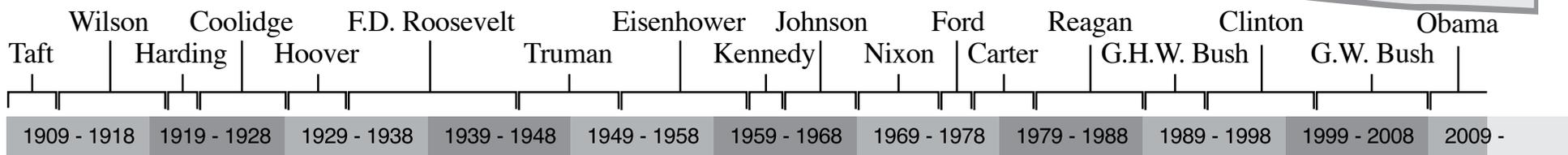
Richard M. Nixon Franklin D. Roosevelt Dwight D. Eisenhower Harry S. Truman Ronald Reagan John F. Kennedy

William Howard Taft Woodrow Wilson Calvin Coolidge Bill Clinton Gerald Ford George H.W. Bush

A GLIMPSE OF POWER

In this scrapbook, we will be reading about U.S. presidents who shared a love of golf. We'll learn how this game builds character, both on and off the course – including important skills that can lead all the way to the White House!

As you read, these images and words will allow you to discover the character traits and skills of this group of powerful men.



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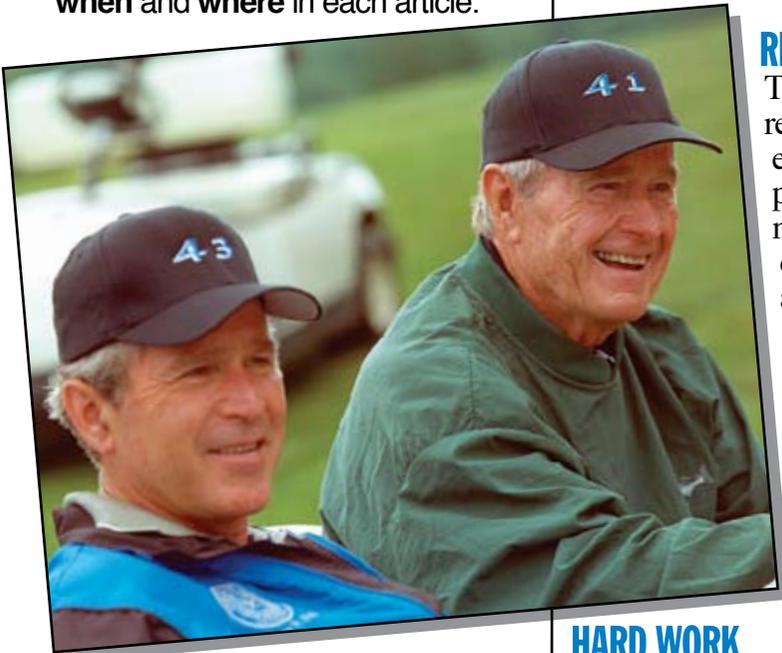
LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS THE LESSONS OF GOLF

by George W. Bush
43rd President of the United States

BUILDING CHARACTER ON AND OFF THE COURSE

Use the News

President Bush identifies seven benefits of golf that develop a stronger America. Find articles in today's newspaper illustrating one or more of these benefits. Be a detective and circle the **who**, **what**, **when** and **where** in each article.



President George W. Bush (left) and his father, President George H.W. Bush, both share a love for the game of golf and play together often. What do you think the numbers on their hats mean?

I believe golf teaches us a lot about life and leadership. In fact, I have often wondered what the world would be like if everyone had to abide by the rules and culture of golf.

HEALTH

For one, we would see a healthier world. It is a medical fact that if we walk as little as 30 minutes a day, heart disease and diabetes are less prevalent. Walking thirty minutes on a golf course is easy to do – even if you use a cart.

APPRECIATION

Secondly, we would all be more appreciative of our environment. If you spend time on a golf course, you can't help but be impressed by the beauty of nature, as well as man's ability to enhance that beauty.

RESPONSIBILITY

Thirdly, we would take more responsibility for our actions. If I end up in a bunker, I have one person to blame: me. No one made me do it; I am the victim of my own decisions and my own ability. If we all lived by this mindset off the golf course, the world would usher in a new era of personal responsibility. In life, there are rarely "mulligans." The key is to live with the shot you make, and learn from it – rather than seeking to assign blame elsewhere.

HARD WORK

On a related point, we would recognize that sometimes you have to play from the rough. Golf is hard; sometimes life is too. It seems that too often, we have the illusion that we are owed a comfortable life. That's not the way it works;

no one is owed anything. Golf can show us the way forward. I one time played a round with Justin Leonard, and I asked him what his secret is to a strong short game. He said he practices for hours. In life, as in golf, if you want to get ahead, you need to work hard.

RISK-TAKING

Next, golf teaches us something about taking risks. An axiom in golf is that trees are 90 percent air. A golfer sometimes will try to hit a tricky shot through a tree, dreaming about the upside of success. But he must also remember that he may hit the tree and wind up worse than when he started. In life, it's important to take risks – but always to do so with a sober understanding of the upsides as well as the downsides.

INTEGRITY

The culture of golf also teaches us a lot about integrity. I remember watching a golf tournament one time and being amazed when one of the players penalized himself for a rules violation. If the world were governed by the rules and culture of golf, we would all live by a high standard and be willing to hold ourselves to that standard – even when no one is looking.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Finally, in a world lived according to the culture of golf, there would be a lot more sportsmanship. People would be more willing to congratulate their peers when they succeed.

While it may be a lot to ask for the entire world to ascribe to the rules and culture of golf, there is nothing stopping each of us from taking these lessons to heart. Without a doubt, we'd have to be more patient, more disciplined, and more honest. Why not start today?


– GEORGE W. BUSH

**Let's
Talk It
Over**

The president of the United States is always in the spotlight. Everything the president says and does is reported in newspapers, magazines, television, radio and online. With that in mind, discuss these three questions.

Which character traits are most important for a person who wants to be president?

Should the president be treated in a special way or be treated like everyone else?

What do you think the president would say is the most difficult part of the job?

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT THE “BUMBLE-PUPPY” GOLFER

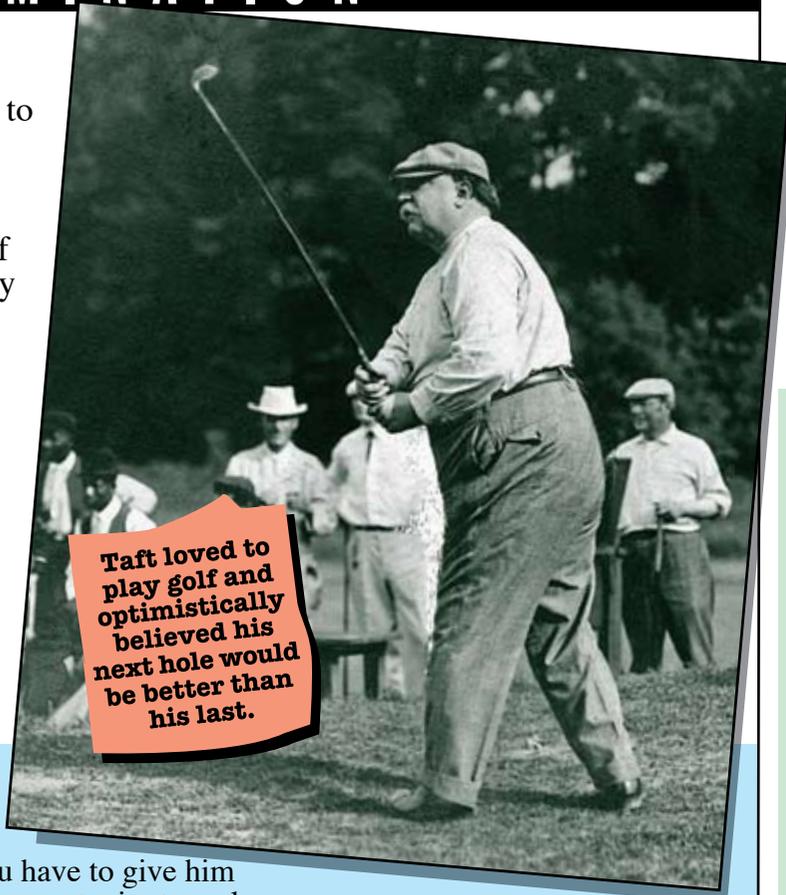
DETERMINATION

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT (1909 - 1913)

William Howard Taft was the first president to play the game of golf. While in office he played twice a week.

Political cartoons of the day mocked his golf game. At a time when golf was not played by many people in the United States, Taft was one of its most ardent supporters and was intensely passionate about the game. Even President Theodore Roosevelt, who recommended that Taft succeed him for the Republican nomination and the presidency, was bothered by Taft's love of golf.

Despite public feelings and the advice of Roosevelt, Taft played golf throughout his presidency and later as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.



Taft loved to play golf and optimistically believed his next hole would be better than his last.

“The president does play a good game — a very good one, considering, if I may say so, the handicap of avoirdupois.*”

— WALTER J. TRAVIS
CHAMPION GOLFER
* avoirdupois means weight

HUMOR WINS THE DAY

Taft struggled with his weight and golf was a way for him to keep fit and ready for the pressures of his office. For him, the game was too important to quit.

Taft decided to make an effort to win people's votes by getting their sympathy for his weight problem.



He said, “...you have to give him some opportunity to make his legs and muscles move, and golf offers that opportunity.”

Americans accepted Taft's reasons for playing golf and voted him into the White House in 1908. Some think Taft's easy victory may be partially attributed to the fact that many

Americans had fun laughing at all the cartoons of a big man chasing a small ball.

TAKE A GUESS!

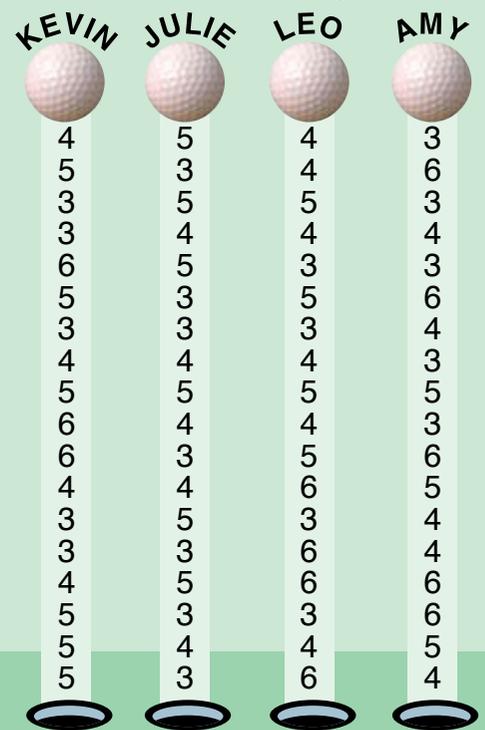
A “bumble-puppy” is:

- one who plays a game loosely without much regard for rules or form
- a clumsy young dog

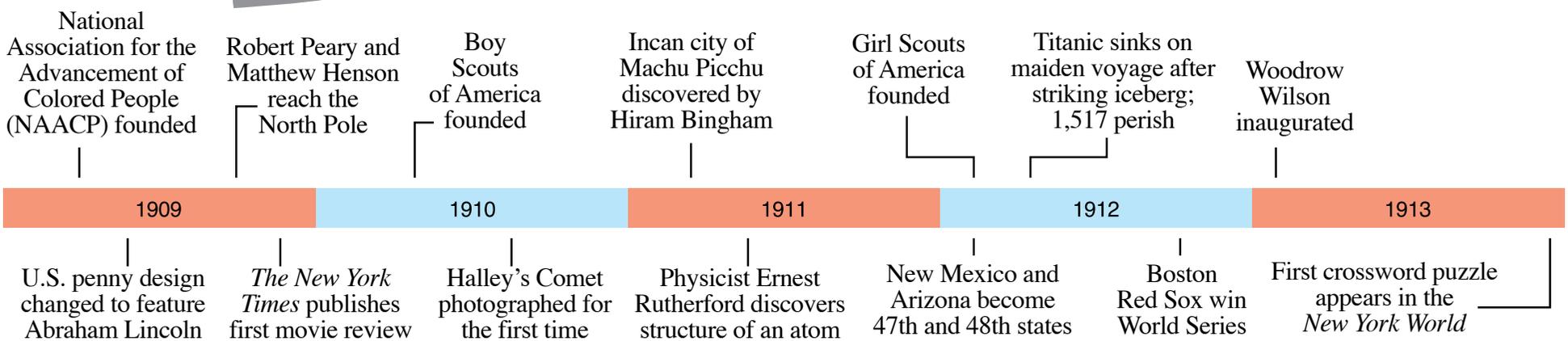
ANSWER: a.

Par 3

In golf, the lower the score the better. Which of the golfers below shot the best round of golf?



Winner's name: _____



“MANY MEN WHO OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN LED TO TAKE UP THE GAME HAVE DONE SO SINCE MR. TAFT BECAME CHIEF EXECUTIVE.”

— WALTER J. TRAVIS, CHAMPION GOLFER

DETERMINATION

A PRESIDENTIAL FIRST

Not only was Taft the first president to be a golf fanatic, he was one of the first golf enthusiasts in the entire country.

When Taft entered the White House at age 51, people had just begun playing golf in the United States and Taft was one of the first.

IGNORING THE CRITICS

Despite criticism that he should spend less time on golf and more on government, Taft would escape to play golf at least twice a week, even if it meant shuffling appointments around his golf schedule. He played golf daily on his vacations, even if it was raining.

GOOD FOR GOLF

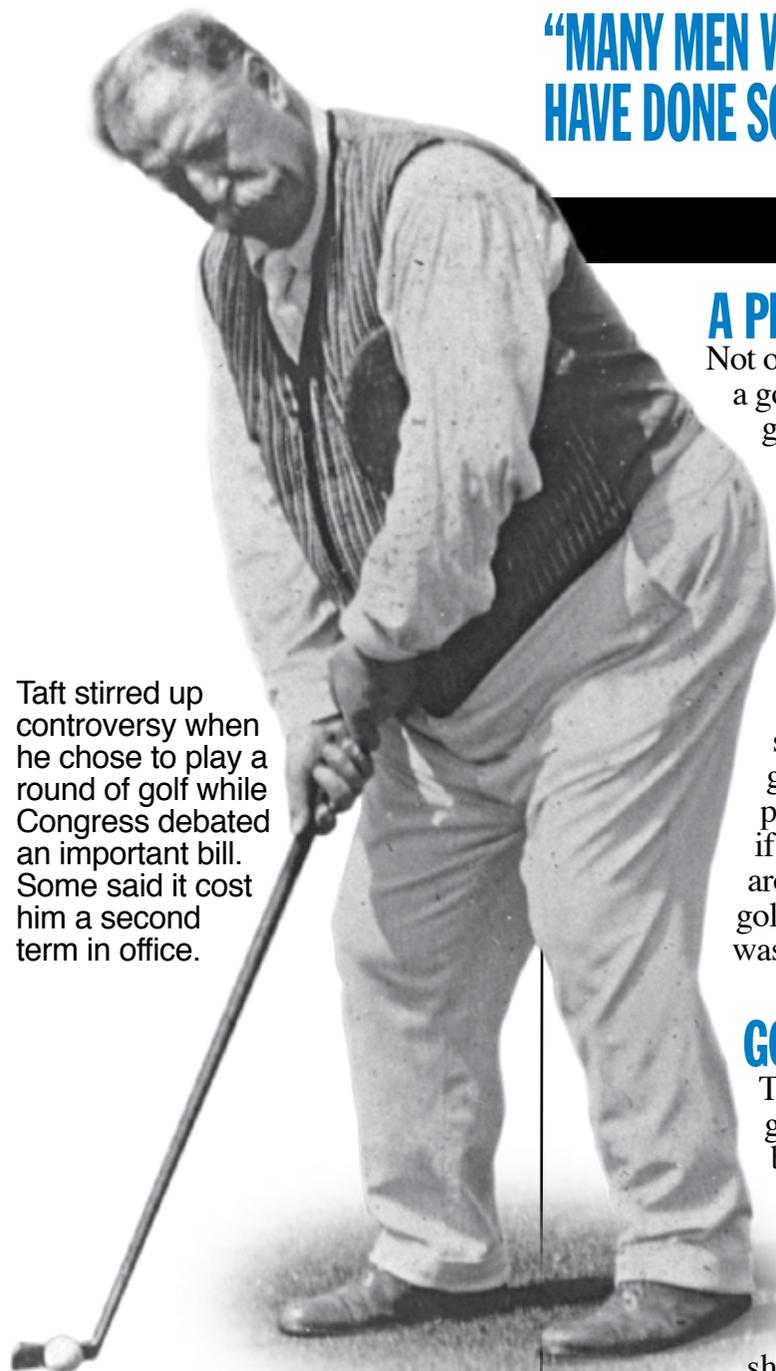
Taft was a great ambassador for the game of golf. The attention he brought to the game created the country's first golf boom. The number of golfers in the country doubled during his presidency.

Taft believed that all Americans should have access to courses so they could play golf. In an era when private clubs were the norm, he believed that every community should have its own public course.



Correct the scrambled words in this quote by William Howard Taft.

“It **udlhso** be indulged in when the opportunity arises, as **vyeer** man knows who has **deylap** the **ameg**, it rejuvenates and stretches the span of **efli**.”



Taft stirred up controversy when he chose to play a round of golf while Congress debated an important bill. Some said it cost him a second term in office.

Use the News

President Taft didn't let being president stop him from finding time to play the game he loved. Even his weight and those who criticized his game couldn't keep him away from golf.

Use today's newspaper to find a story about people committed to a cause.

What sentences describe their determination to make a difference?

Look closely to find the two identical William Howard Taft postage stamps.



ANSWER: The first and third stamps are the same.

Let's Talk It Over

Becoming the leader of a nation takes years of hard work, education and experience in public office. Determination kept the presidents on the road to the White House.

What goals do you have for yourself? What must you do to reach these goals?

What steps can you take right now to start moving towards one of your long-term goals?

Write down your goals for tomorrow, then for next week and then for the month ahead.

DOCTOR'S ORDERS LEARNING TO LOVE THE GAME

“I may not know everything about being president. But I do know that a lot of decisions can be made on golf courses.”

— Warren G. Harding

INDIVIDUALITY

WOODROW WILSON (1913 - 1921)

President Woodrow Wilson played golf nearly every day. Even bad weather didn't stop him. He played on a snow-covered course with golf balls painted red by Secret Service agents.

Wilson's doctor prescribed the game to help him cope with his high-stress job. Wilson didn't want to play golf with politicians, as he went to the golf course to get away from the pressures of his job.

A DECISION ABOUT WAR

In 1917, the German government announced that it would sink American ships entering British waters. President Wilson had a tough choice: he could accept Germany telling America where and when she could sail her ships or he could declare war on Germany.

A worried Wilson hardly slept for two weeks, struggling with this decision. His wife decided what he needed was a game of golf. On April 2, the First Couple got up before dawn and went out for a round of golf. That night, Wilson asked Congress for a declaration of war against Germany. Four days later, America joined World War I.



WARREN G. HARDING (1921 - 1923)

He was one of the best-dressed golfers, but President Harding didn't play golf well. However, he never let a poor shot dampen his enthusiasm and good spirits.

Harding had a great respect for the game's rules. He demanded that his playing partners treat him no more favorably than they treated anyone else.

President Harding's affection for the game was on full display during the 1921 U.S. Open when he presented the trophy to the champion, Jim Barnes, saying, "I'd give anything to be in your shoes today."

Harding died of a heart attack midway through his presidency, at which point Calvin Coolidge became president.

PRESIDENTIAL POOCH

President Harding was often seen with his Airedale dog. Use the clues to fill in the missing letters and the name of his beloved pet will appear vertically in the yellow boxes.

1.	B				
2.				R	
3.		D			
4.			U		
5.				E	
6.			A		
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8.	M				
9.				C	

CLUES

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Mix or combine | 6. Bird of prey |
| 2. Grows on oak trees | 7. What you use to stop a bike or car |
| 3. Milk products | 8. Motion picture |
| 4. Opposite of child | 9. A very elegant boat |
| 5. Where water flows to a lake or the sea | |

Henry Ford develops the modern assembly line

The 19th Amendment passes, granting women the right to vote

The Jazz Singer, the first "talkie" (motion picture with sound) is released

Clarence Birdseye introduces frozen vegetables to consumers

President Franklin D. Roosevelt makes the first televised presidential address

Japan attacks American fleet at Pearl Harbor, pulling U.S. into World War II

Roosevelt dies, Harry S. Truman becomes 33rd president

1910 - 1919

1920 - 1929

1930 - 1939

1940 - 1949

World War I begins in Europe

World War I ends

The stock market plummets in two days, triggering the Great Depression

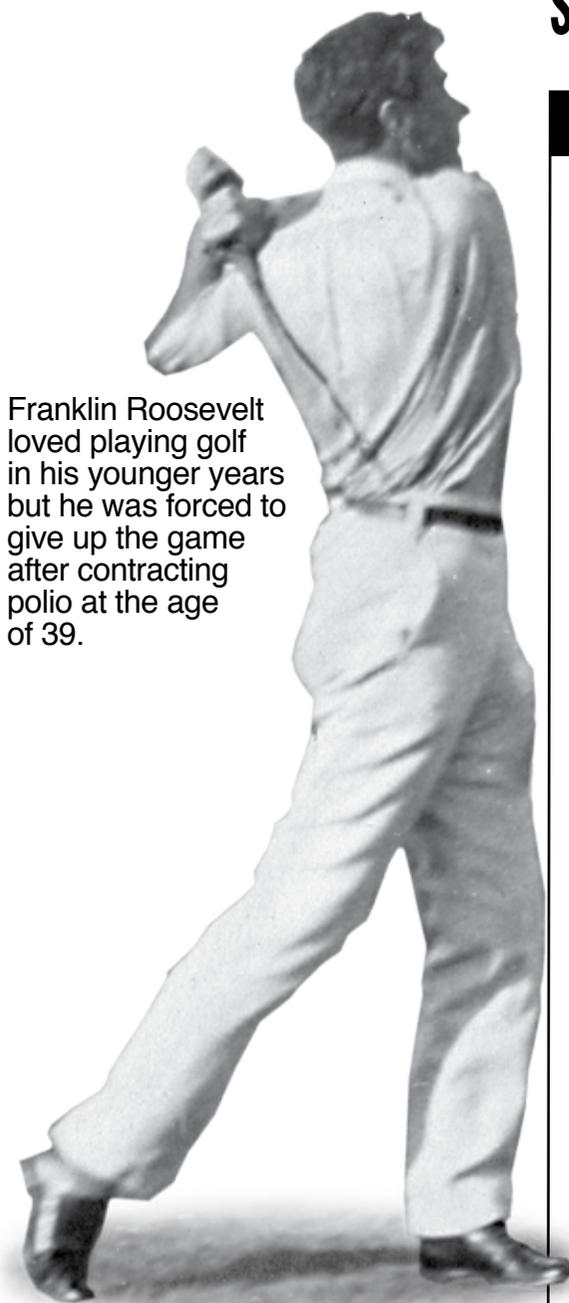
The Dust Bowl begins in the Great Plains

The Golden Gate Bridge opens in San Francisco

President Roosevelt wins re-election to a record fourth term

“GOLF WAS A GAME FRANKLIN ENJOYED ABOVE ALL OTHERS... AFTER HE WAS STRICKEN WITH POLIO, THE ONE WORD HE NEVER SAID AGAIN WAS GOLF.”

— FIRST LADY ELEANOR ROOSEVELT



Franklin Roosevelt loved playing golf in his younger years but he was forced to give up the game after contracting polio at the age of 39.

INDIVIDUALITY

CALVIN COOLIDGE (1923 - 1929)

While President Coolidge is regarded by many as the worst presidential golfer, he tried. Because other politicians and Washington D.C., friends asked him to play, he would do his best to give them a good game of golf. He thought golf was a “fine method of relaxation for men in a business life.” But, because of his high scores and casual attitude toward the game, people stopped asking him to play.



After his presidency, one of the only items that he left at the White House was his set of golf clubs.

HERBERT HOOVER (1929 - 1933)

Herbert Hoover was the 31st president of the United States and the first since Theodore Roosevelt who did not play golf, one of only three presidents in the past 100 years who didn't play the game.

HARRY S. TRUMAN (1945 - 1953)

Truman thought golf could ruin his political career, believing that voters viewed it as a rich man's game. He became furious when a newspaper published an article accusing him of hitting a spectator with a wild shot. “For your information,” Truman wrote to the paper, “I have never played golf in my life, never had a golf club in my hands, except to look at it, so I couldn't possibly have fired a ball on the golf course and hit anybody on the head.”

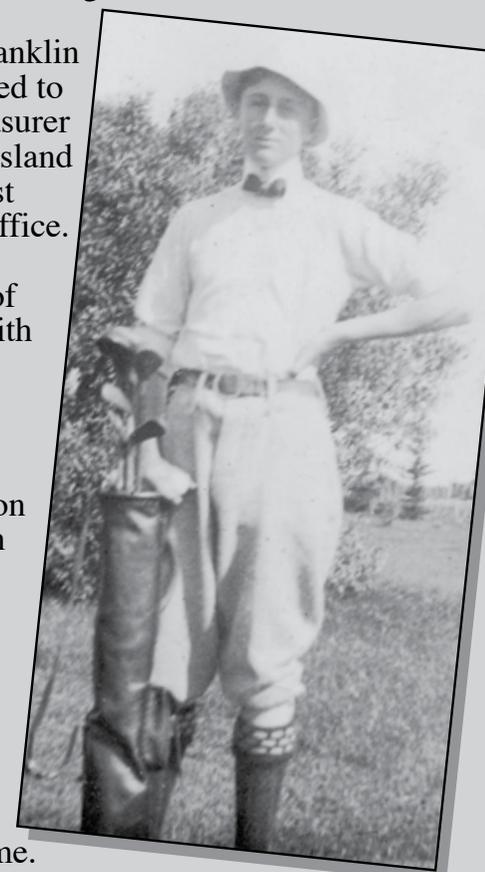
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (1933 - 1945)

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) started playing golf as a young man and had a natural talent for the game. When he was in his 20s, few golfers of the day could hit the ball straighter or further.

At the age of 17, Franklin Roosevelt was invited to be the secretary/treasurer of the Campobello Island Golf Course, his first official leadership office.

In 1921, at the age of 39, he was struck with polio and could no longer play.

President Roosevelt signed the declaration of war against Japan on Dec. 8, 1941. On his desk, within arm's reach, sat a golf ball lighter. Although he never played golf while president, FDR never lost his affection for the game.



FDR kept a golf ball lighter on his desk in the Oval Office.

COURSES ACROSS AMERICA

As part of his effort to employ people during the Great Depression, FDR created a public works project that built 368 municipal golf courses across the United States that people enjoy to this day.

Use the News

From Woodrow Wilson to Harry Truman, no two presidents were quite the same. Different personalities, values, interests and political outlooks defined each as individuals. Look through today's newspaper for a story about one very unique individual. What makes this person so unusual? If the headline captures the main idea, circle details within the article that explain or expand the headline.

Let's Talk It Over

Wilson played in the snow with golf balls painted red. Coolidge wasn't concerned with his high scores. Hoover didn't care that not playing golf might ruin his image. Roosevelt held a leadership position at his golf club by age 17.

What can you learn from the examples about individuality from these presidents?

Think about someone you admire. What traits make them a unique individual?

In what ways do you express yourself? How do friends and family members express their individuality?

A PRESIDENTIAL PASSION FOR THE GAME MEET THE “DUFFER IN CHIEF”

TRUST

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (1953-1961)

Golf for President Eisenhower, affectionately known as Ike, was more than a sport or a pastime. It was on a golf course that he thought through some of the most important decisions of his career. During his eight years in office, it is estimated that he played nearly 800 rounds of golf.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

Playing golf helped Eisenhower to build important friendships. He frequently invited men from both sides of the aisle in Congress, especially those he was trying to influence, for a friendly round.

Though he didn't talk business on the course, he felt that a game of golf with the leader of another country was worth many hours at a conference table. He played golf with other politicians so they could get to know each other better, which made doing the business of leadership easier. Anyone in world politics who wanted to negotiate with Ike was smart to buy a set of clubs.



“Golf... is a sport in which the whole American family can participate – fathers and mothers, sons and daughters alike. It offers healthy respite from daily toil, refreshment of body and mind.”

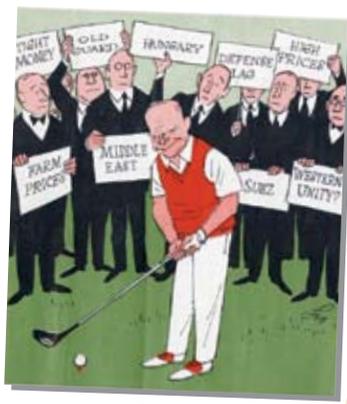
– DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

THE FABULOUS 50s

Find the following words related to the 1950s in the word search.

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| ELVIS | BURGERS |
| IKE | TV |
| DISNEYLAND® | POODLES |
| SPUTNIK | HOT RODS |
| CASTRO | HULA HOOPS |

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Political cartoons poked fun at the amount of golf Ike played.

Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay become the first people to climb Mt. Everest

Supreme Court ends school segregation

Disneyland® park opens in Anaheim, California

Elvis Presley and rock 'n roll sweep the nation

Soviet Union launches Sputnik satellite, first in space

Gallon of gas costs 25¢

Alaska and Hawaii become 49th and 50th U.S. states

American U-2 spy plane shot down over Russia

Eisenhower warns “guard against the military industrial complex”

1953

1954

1955

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1960

1961

First open heart surgery performed

Sports Illustrated magazine debuts

Rosa Parks refuses to move to back of bus

West Side Story debuts on Broadway

Wham-O™ introduces the Hula Hoop

Fidel Castro seizes power in Cuba

First laser beam produced

TURBULENT TIMES FOR AMERICA GOLF BRINGS FUN AND RELIEF

SENSE OF HUMOR

JOHN F. KENNEDY (1961 - 1963)

Although President Kennedy loved the sport of golf, he tried to keep that passion private. His predecessor, President Eisenhower, had been criticized for spending too much time playing golf. Kennedy wanted to be the champion of the people, and he worried that people saw golf as a rich man's sport.



J.F.K.'s golf bag

Once, while campaigning to be president, Kennedy almost made a hole-in-one. As his near-perfect shot rolled directly toward the hole, he yelled for the ball to stop. And it did, just six inches away from the hole. Kennedy breathed a sigh of relief. "If that ball had gone into that hole," he said, "in less than an hour the word would be out to the nation that another golfer was trying to get into the White House."

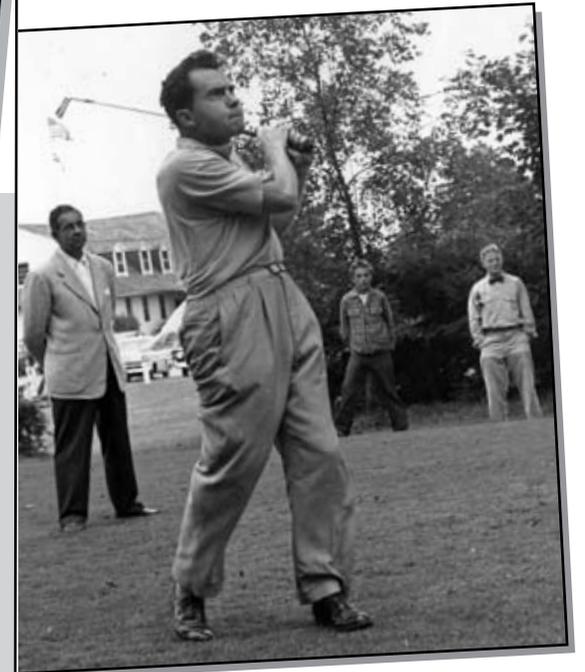


"It is true that my predecessor did not object, as I do, to pictures of one's golf skill in action. But neither, on the other hand, did he ever bean a Secret Service man."

— John F. Kennedy

RICHARD M. NIXON (1969 - 1974)

During Nixon's term as vice president, President Eisenhower introduced him to the game of golf. Once Nixon became president, he found that the game gave him relief from the pressures of the office. Later, after the Watergate scandal caused him to resign the presidency, the game became even more important to him. "Golf became my lifesaver," he said.



Feet twisted and pants too high, Nixon's golf swing was called *herky-jerky*.



LYNDON B. JOHNSON (1963 - 1969)

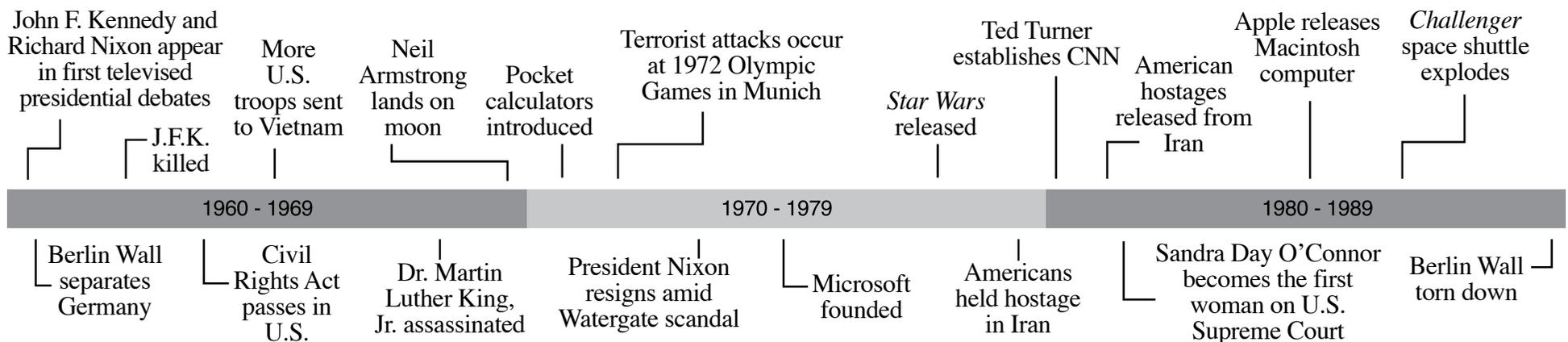
President Lyndon B. Johnson golfed for the fun of it. He played poorly and rarely kept score, but he never got angry or frustrated. He would simply swing and smile the entire round.

For President Johnson, the golf course was really a place to talk with other politicians and get things done. It was one of the places where he pushed for the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Fill in the missing vowels to reveal a joke President Johnson once made about his golfing abilities.

“ D N'T H V
 H ND C P. 'M LL
 H ND C P.”

A = 1 I = 3 U = 5
 E = 2 O = 4 Y = 6



“I KNOW I’M GETTING BETTER AT GOLF BECAUSE I’M HITTING FEWER SPECTATORS. EITHER THAT, OR FEWER PEOPLE ARE WATCHING ME PLAY.”

– GERALD FORD

S E N S E O F H U M O R

Create a funny caption for this photo of President Ford.



GERALD FORD (1974 - 1977)
Golf was President Ford’s favorite way to have fun and relax. Ford was recruited by Arnold Palmer to represent golfers across the world, becoming the first USGA Member in 1975. Ford was a multi-sport athlete in his youth, playing baseball, basketball and the sport he was recruited to play at the University of Michigan – football. He was offered a contract from both the Green Bay Packers and Detroit Lions, but ultimately attended Yale Law School instead.

In spite of strong athletic abilities, after stumbling off Air Force One and also hitting a spectator while playing golf, comedians began joking about Ford’s clumsiness. And as a good sport, President Ford often joked about it, too.



Whoa! Watch out for those windows!

JIMMY CARTER (1977 - 1981)
Jimmy Carter was one of three 20th century U.S. presidents who did not golf. He holds the distinction of being the only non-golfer to beat a golfer in a presidential race, defeating Gerald Ford in 1976.

Interestingly, the three 20th century presidents who did not play golf – Hoover, Truman and Carter – all served just one complete term in office.



Does President Reagan look happy with his putt?

Use the News

Presidents Kennedy, Ford and Reagan are good examples of politicians using humor to connect with others and to show their “human” side. Look at the comics section of today’s newspaper and notice how a story can be told in a few picture frames. Find a short article that interests you and create a comic strip to illustrate the important message.

RONALD REAGAN (1981 - 1989)
While Reagan had been a decent golfer as a young man, he only played golf about a dozen times during his eight years in the White House. Even though his scores were high, he always enjoyed the game and his

good nature and sense of humor endeared him to Americans.

President Reagan once said, “When I became president, my golf game took a dramatic nosedive.”

UNSCRAMBLE IT!

Ronald Reagan became famous as a

O M V E I
R A S T



Although being the president of the United States is a very serious job, it is important to have a good sense of humor. Presidents are featured in political cartoons daily, joked about by comedians and more.

What’s the difference between being funny and being silly?

How can a good sense of humor help you in life?

What is something that is fair to joke about? What are things that are not fair to joke about?

AN AMERICAN TRADITION FRIENDS, FAMILY AND GOLF

**“We’re not good,
but we’re fast.”**

— GEORGE H.W. BUSH

DISCIPLINE

GEORGE H.W. BUSH (1989 - 1993) GEORGE W. BUSH (2001 - 2009)

George H.W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States, and George W. Bush, his son and 43rd president of the United States, are both very athletic and known for being in a hurry on and off the golf course. The Bush family tradition was to take practice swings only rarely and instead quickly blast drives down the fairway.

They called the game “speed golf” or “aerobic golf.” President George H.W. Bush, dubbed their way of playing golf “cart polo.” They would hit the golf balls, jump in the cart and race to the next stop.

The Bush family record for 18 holes played by a foursome is one hour, 42 minutes.

Golf has been played by the Bush family for over five generations at the tiny Cape Arundel Golf Club in Kennebunkport, Maine.



President George H.W. Bush was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame on May 9, 2011



BILL CLINTON (1993 - 2001)

Unlike the Bushes, Bill Clinton likes to take his time on the golf course. He could take six hours to play one round of golf.

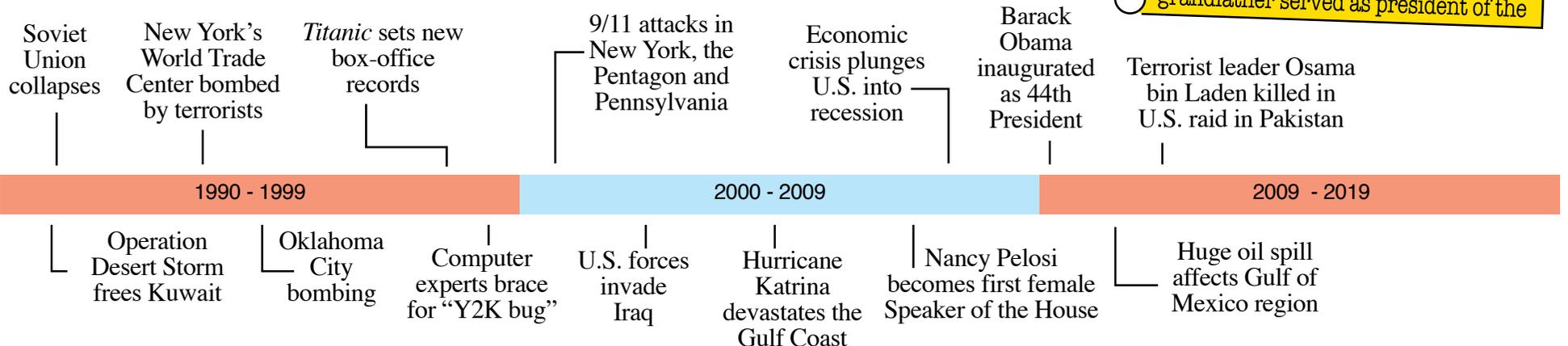
Clinton is a chatty golfer. He talks to himself and the ball. Before he swings, he asks his partners, the caddies and even Secret Service agents questions like, “Am I

aimed correctly?” and “Are my feet right?”

Clinton likes golf “because the rest of my life is going at breakneck speed and everything had to be done fast and this is the place where I had to slow down. And I think the final reason is – you literally can’t think about anything else. If you do, you can’t hit a shot.”

Number these sentences in order to reveal more about the Bush family’s history with the game of golf.

- was a U.S. senator from Connecticut and
- USGA in 1920.
- George H.W. Bush’s father, Prescott Bush,
- also president of the USGA in 1935. His
- grandfather served as president of the



President Obama puts a little body language on his shot during a round of golf while on vacation in Martha's Vineyard.



“[OBAMA] DOESN'T GET FRUSTRATED OUT THERE AS ALL OF US GOLFERS DO. WE TAKE OUR FRUSTRATIONS OUT ON THAT LITTLE WHITE BALL, BUT HE DOESN'T.”

— SENATOR TERRY LINK (D - ILL)

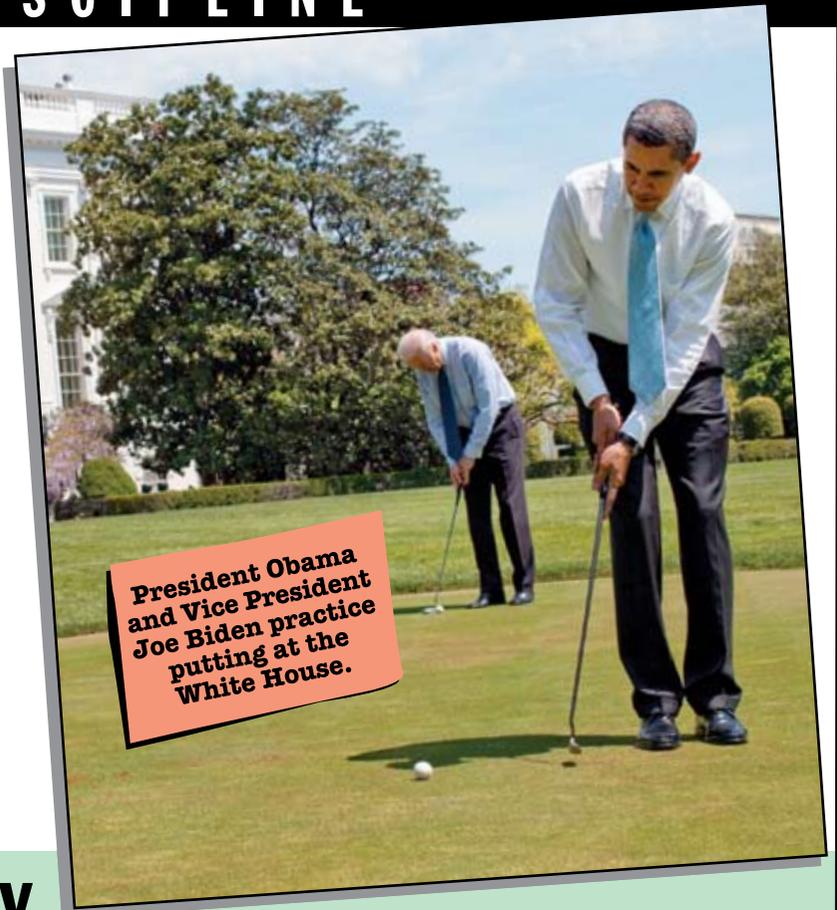
DISCIPLINE

BARACK OBAMA (2009 -)

Basketball may be President Obama's favorite sport, but golf is a solid second. His regular golf partners say he never cheats or takes mulligans.

After he was injured playing basketball, First Lady Michelle Obama asked her husband, "Why don't you take up something less dangerous, like golf?" She didn't need to ask twice.

Obama's cool, calm demeanor is the same on the golf course as it is in his political life. He never brags when things are going well. And when things go wrong, he doesn't get too upset with himself.



President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden practice putting at the White House.

PRESIDENTS AT PLAY

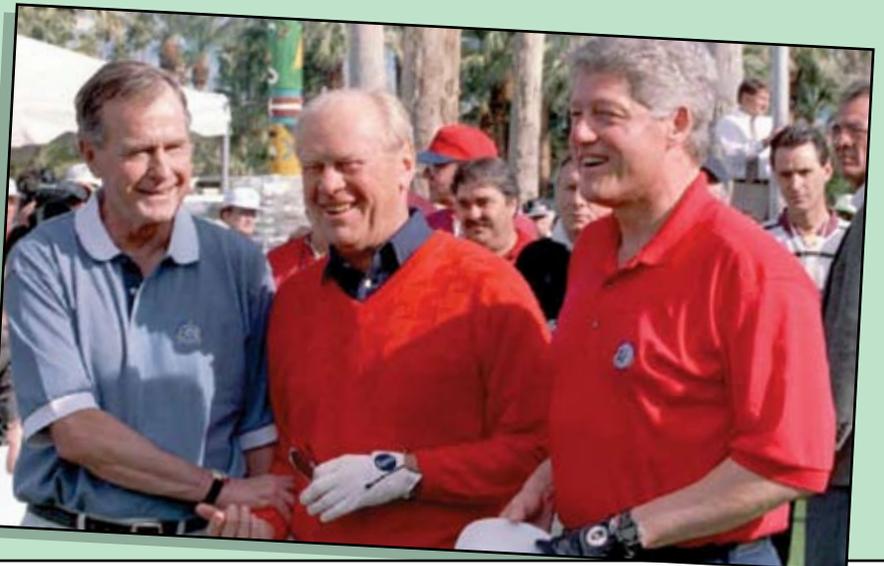
The first and only time three presidents shared a round of golf was in 1995 when George H.W. Bush, Gerald Ford and Bill Clinton played for charity at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in Indian Wells, Calif. This rare event attracted the media and offered a peek into the personal styles and golf games of each president.

Clinton was relaxed and visited with the crowd. Bush pushed to keep the match moving along and Ford, as usual, made wild shots that hit spectators.

But it was Bush who had the wildest shot. On the first hole, his ball hit a tree, bounced off

and hit 71-year-old Norma Earley on the bridge of her nose. She said to Bush, "I'm sorry I got in the way of your shot."

Bush remembers getting a sympathetic glance from Ford and thinking that Ford understood these situations.



Use the News

Politicians discipline themselves to a lifetime of serving the people, but they must also be prepared for a lifetime in the spotlight. Find an article in today's newspaper about a famous person (political figure, athlete or movie star).

Why is he or she famous and in the news today? What does this article tell you about their discipline?

**Let's
Talk It
Over**

Becoming better at anything involves disciplining yourself to find time to practice. Sometimes practicing to improve yourself means passing up on something fun. Think about a time you had to discipline yourself to stick with a goal.

What do you do to stay focused when you want to complete something?

Is it important to reward yourself for sticking to your goals?

What can you learn from times that you haven't stayed focused on reaching a goal?

GOLF IS A GREAT GAME FOR EVERYONE POWER WOMEN ON THE LINKS

PERSPECTIVE

CONDOLEEZZA RICE

Condoleezza Rice served as secretary of state and National Security Advisor under President George W. Bush.

Rice grew up playing tennis, the piano and was a competitive figure skater, but didn't find golf until the summer after she became secretary of state when she turned 50. "I love the fact that it's a thinking person's game, that there is strategy involved," Rice said. "It's making me a little more patient than I would have been at 20 or 25-years-old."

While she was secretary of state, Rice didn't play a lot of golf. She tried to get out on Sunday afternoons, as that was her only free time.

Rice is now a professor at Stanford University and she likes to play in the late afternoons, after the workday is done. "That's why I like long summer days, because I can get out after work and play for a while."



As a busy secretary of state, Rice had very little free time but played golf as often as possible.

"The game is always trying to get the better of you and we're always trying to get the better of it, and that just keeps you going."

— CONDOLEEZZA RICE



FIRST FEMALE U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

The woman above was appointed the first female United States Supreme Court Justice by President Ronald Reagan in 1981. She is an avid golfer. Circle every third letter to reveal her name and write it on the lines below.

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MINI-GOLF WITH THE FIRST FAMILY



First Lady Michelle Obama has launched a campaign to make children in America healthier. "One in five children is overweight or obese by the time they're six-years-old, and more than half of obese children are overweight before their second birthday – we knew there wasn't a moment to waste," Mrs. Obama wrote in a column on her website, *Let's Move!*

The first family brings the *Let's Move!* campaign home. The Obamas enjoy a variety of family activities, including hiking, swimming and mini-golf.

On a family trip to a miniature golf course, nine-year-old Sasha hit a hole-in-one. The president gave Sasha a high-five and declared her stroke "unbelievable." The president then made par with his two shots on the first hole.

THE POWER GAME

The USGA Museum and Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History has developed special programming in conjunction with the 111th United States Open Championship, to be held at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., from June 16 to 19, 2011.

MAKING HISTORY

Golf has been a part of the Washington, D.C., landscape for more than a century, serving as a means of exercise, relaxation and dialogue for prominent figures in American politics. The close association between golf, leadership, responsibility and integrity helps explain the important role the game has played in the life of our nation's capital.

The Power Game: Golf and American Politics, features on-site exhibitions and a web-based exhibition with photos, video and artifacts from several officials, including William Howard Taft, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Condoleezza Rice and George W. Bush.

You can find the online exhibit at:

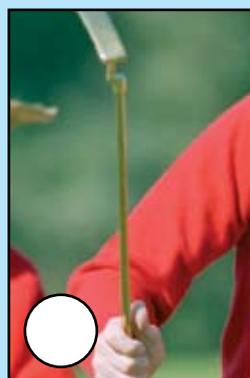
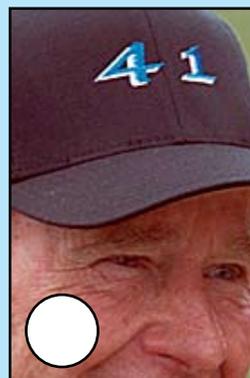
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There's lots to explore at the USGA Museum's Power Game website.

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