



TEACHING RESOURCES

WORKSHEETS

Talking with US Presidents (Part I)

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Part I Instructions: Hand out 1975 timeline to students and discuss what the world was like that year, when most of their parents were very young.

1975 Timeline

January 1: Minimum wage rose to \$2.10/hour

January 12: Super Bowl IX - Steelers 16, Vikings 6

March 31: UCLA beat Louisville in NCAA Final Four

April 4: Microsoft founded

April 9: Max Fisher had an important meeting scheduled in the White House with his good friend, President Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. The meeting was critical to Max because President Ford had announced his plan to “begin a reassessment of United States policy in the Mideast” including relations with Israel. The potential for policy reassessment shocked Israeli politicians and worried American Jewish leaders.

April 30: Fall of Saigon, capital of South Vietnam, signaling victory for the North Vietnamese army.

May 16: Montreal Canadiens won NHL’s Stanley Cup

May 25: The Golden Gate Warriors won the NBA title

June 20: Steven Spielberg’s shark thriller "Jaws" was released

July 5: Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win tennis’ Wimbledon singles title

July 25: "A Chorus Line," Broadway’s longest running show, premiered on Broadway.

July 29: President Ford became the first US president to visit the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland

September 22: President Gerald Ford escaped a second assassination attempt in less than three weeks

October 1: Muhammad Ali beat Joe Frazier after 14 rounds for the heavyweight boxing title

October 9: Soviet Jewish scientist Andrei Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

October 11: The TV show "Saturday Night Live" debuted on NBC

October 22: Cincinnati Reds defeat the Boston Red Sox to win the World Series