

**Group Event:** The Watergate Scandal

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On June 17th, a group of burglars were caught in the act of wiretapping the Democratic National Committee's Watergate headquarters. Not immediately was President Nixon connected to the now dubbed Watergate Scandal but later it was found out that Nixon payed the burglars with “hush money” to keep them quiet about the break in and that he planned to instructed the CIA to delay the FBI investigation. In a trial it came out from some of Nixon’s aides, that the President was involved in the scandal and had secretly taped every conversation that took place in the Oval Office. Nixon tried desperately to hide the tapes from the prosecutors but the lawyers said he couldn’t keep them just because he was president. Some Justice Department officials resigned after Nixon fired Cox because he kept on demanding the tapes and finally Nixon agreed to release some of the tapes but not all. The released tapes had problems such as an eighteen minute gap so Nixon seemed even more suspicious of his involvement. The House of Representatives wanted to impeach Nixon and by August Nixon released all the tapes, showing that he was indeed involved in the scandal. August 8th, Nixon resigned and after that President Ford pardoned him for his misdoings.

