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Complex Characters: Searching for the Perfect President

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The American President (1995)



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President Andrew Shepherd

For the last couple of months, Senator Rumson has suggested that being president of this country was, to a certain extent, about character . . . and although I have not been willing to engage in his attacks on me, I've been here three years and three days, and I can tell you without hesitation: Being President of this country is entirely about character.

Greatest Generation vs. Baby Boomer

Left:
George
H.W.
Bush

Right:
Bill
Clinton



Dave (1993)



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The Perfect President?

Currently accepting applications for the position of President of the United States of America. Selection to be made November 2024.

Minimum Qualifications:

- ★ Must be a natural born citizen
- ★ Must be 35 years old or older

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Independence Day (1996)



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The Perfect President?

Preferred Qualifications

- ★ Experience in federal, state or local government, for example: United States Senator or Representative, Governor
- ★ Education – high school diploma, college degree, graduate degree or law degree

Skills

- ★ Leadership
- ★ Public speaking
- ★ Diplomacy
- ★ Ability to multitask
- ★ ?
- ★ ?
- ★ ?



Air Force One (1997)



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What Makes a Good Leader?

Ideas	Implementation	
	good ideas, effective implementation	good ideas, ineffective implementation
	bad ideas, effective implementation	bad ideas, ineffective implementation



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Education Resources

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★ Online Educational Programs

Pre-K - 2nd grade: clintonlibrary.gov/education/teachers/pre-k-second-grades

3rd - 5th grade: www.clintonlibrary.gov/education/teachers/third-fifth-grades

6th - 8th grade: www.clintonlibrary.gov/education/teachers/sixth-eighth-grades

9th - 12th grade: www.clintonlibrary.gov/education/teachers/ninth-twelfth-grades

★ We Rule: Civics for All of US: www.clintonlibrary.gov/education/we-rule-civics-all-us

★ The Powers of the Presidency: www.clintonlibrary.gov/education/powers-presidency

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- ★ Topical Research Guides - clinton.presidentiallibraries.us/topics-guides
- ★ Digital Library Exhibits - clinton.presidentiallibraries.us/exhibits
- ★ Presidential Travel Schedule - clinton.presidentiallibraries.us/travel-schedule
- ★ Meetings and Calls with Foreign Leaders -
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The Clinton Digital Library



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President Clinton's Daily Schedule



The daily schedules of President Clinton document meetings, trips, speaking engagements and social activities for the eight years of the Clinton...

- 2 million pages of archival documents
- 400 audio recordings, photographs and streaming videos
- 8 Digital Library Exhibits, 7 Topical Research Guides
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Left: [Clinton Digital Library homepage](#)

Digital Library Exhibits

Introduction

This exhibit covers significant programs or events concerning the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) during President Clinton's administration. The Clinton administration strongly supported policies and programs designed to cut costs, increase efficiency, spur scientific and technological advancement, and it implemented a series of space policies to address a broad range of civil, national security, and commercial activities.



President Clinton speaking at Johnson Space Center

[A Space for Diplomacy:
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- Digital Library Exhibits are a deep dive into a single topic
- Presented through primary source materials
- Excellent place to start a research project
- Can be used by teachers to help students learn about interpreting primary sources

Left: Introduction page for [A Space for Diplomacy: The Clinton Administration's Relationship with NASA](#) DLE



Education Activity Suggestions

DAYS LIKE THIS

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Students should review the "[Days Like This](#)": [President Clinton's Public Diplomacy in Northern Ireland](#) exhibit before completing any of the following assignments. Students may work in groups or individually.

Option One:

Each Saint Patrick's Day, the Prime Minister of Ireland presents a crystal bowl of shamrocks to the President of the United States to honor the close connection between the two nations. For this activity, students will research the design of past crystal bowls before designing a bowl of their own in the medium of their choice. Students should choose design elements that are symbolic of the relationship between Ireland and the United States. Students should present their designs to the class or a gallery could be displayed online, at an open house, or in the school's hallways.

Extension Activity/Informed Action Component:

The annual Shamrock Ceremony at the White House is not a two way gift exchange; rather, it is only the Irish Prime Minister who makes a gift to the United States. Students should consider appropriate options for an equivalent gift that the United States could exchange with Ireland. After coming to a conclusion, students should pen a letter to the White House suggesting such an exchange.

Option Two:

President Clinton's work in Northern Ireland qualifies as public diplomacy or diplomacy that engages directly with the citizens of another nation. For this activity, students will conduct research to find other examples of Presidents engaging in public diplomacy. Once the student finds an example, they should dig deeper and consider if the efforts of that President were ultimately successful or unsuccessful. Students should determine the factors that led to this outcome. The student's findings can be presented to the class or summarized in a writing assignment.

- Each DLE has three activity suggestions
- Students are encouraged to dig into primary source materials in the activity
- During the extension activity, students apply their knowledge to problems faced in their own lives

Left: Education Activity Suggestions for the "[Days Like This](#)": [President Clinton's Public Diplomacy in Northern Ireland](#) DLE



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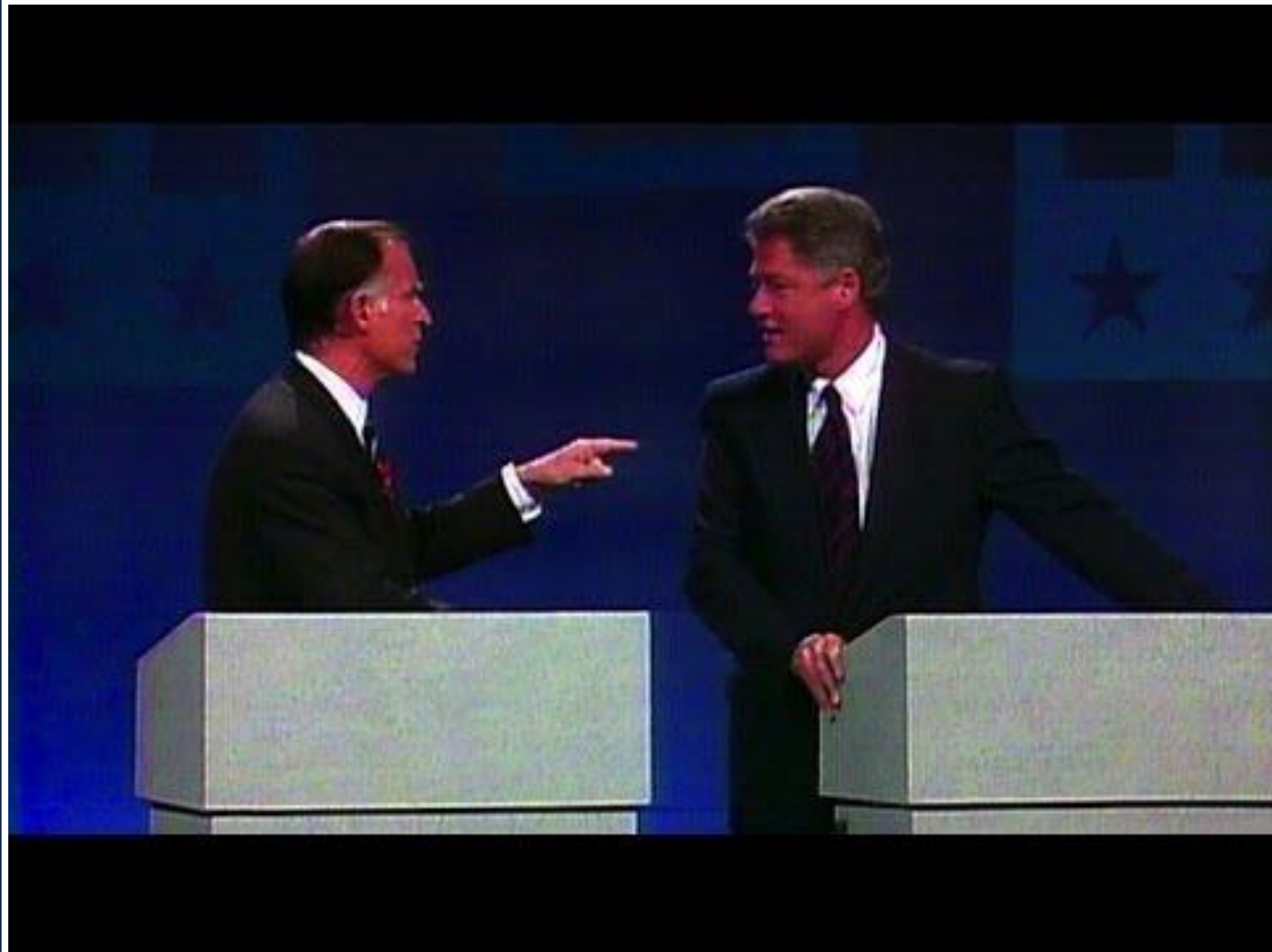
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