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- 46 million pages of textual records
- 350,000 official White House photographs
- 2,000,000 ft. of motion picture film
- 4,082 “off the air” video recordings
- 4,469 audio recordings of the President and administration officials
- 950 reels of White House tapes
- 4,500 audio recordings
- 35,000 artifacts
- Approximately 1,200 researchers visit per year
NHD, “Frontiers in History: People Places and Ideas” at the Nixon Library

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Richard Nixon Achievements

**Economy:** RN presented a balanced budget for the first time in 10 years. The U.S. went off the Gold Standard in 1971. RN created the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to control government spending.

**Energy:** Due to a 6-month oil embargo by Arab nations in 1973, the Federal Energy Office was created. RN addressed the nation on November 7, 1973 and stated all federal transportation should be limited to 50mph.

**Youth:** RN signed the 26th Amendment, which was ratified July 1, 1971, and lowered the voting age from 21 to 18. The Military Draft was ended in 1973 and an all-volunteer armed forces was established.

**Women:** RN signed The Education Amendments Act of 1972, including Title IX, which opened doors for all female athletes by ending gender-based discrimination in all federally funded education programs.

**Urban Affairs:** He signed the Revenue Sharing bill which made state and local governments active partners with the federal government in fighting unemployment and poverty.

**Drugs:** RN initiated the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970. To fight the drug trade, RN created the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) which consolidated various federal drug agencies into one.

**Health:** RN launched the “War on Cancer,” appropriating $100 million. The Cancer Act of 1971 initiated a national cancer program. In 1970, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration was created to ensure workplace safety.


**China:** RN opened contact with China after 25 years of no communication. He was the first U.S. President to visit China. He formulated the Shanghai Communiqué which announced a desire for open and normalized relations.

**USSR:** RN personally negotiated with Soviet leader Brezhnev to limit nuclear weapons with ABM (Anti-Ballistic Missiles Treaty) & SALT 1 (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty) in May 1972. RN was the 1st United States President to visit Moscow.


**Middle East:** RN saved Israel with massive aid during the Yom Kippur War of 1973. RN brokered peace between Israel and the Arab coalition. He reestablished relations with Egypt and opened relations with Syria.

**Space Program:** All of NASA’s manned moon landings were during the Nixon Administration.
To the Moon and Back
NASA’s Apollo Lunar Landings
The “Safire Memo”

- The President’s statement to the public if Apollo 11 failed
- Addresses the nation and to the world
- Document analysis exercise: https://www.docsteach.org/resources/document-analysis
The Space Shuttle
The space shuttle is an exciting new tool for science, technology, and education. It will be used to conduct experiments in space that cannot be done on the ground. The shuttle is designed to be reusable, which will make it more cost-effective than previous spacecraft. It will be used to transport people and cargo to and from space stations, and will be able to land and take off like an airplane. The shuttle is a symbol of human ingenuity and the potential of space exploration.
Subject Guide

Richard Nixon Presidential Library
Materials on the Space Program

Textual Materials
White House Central Files (WHCF) – Subject Folders

FG (Federal Government Organizations): FG 6-4 – National Aeronautics and Space Council

FG 6-9 – Office of Science and Technology

FG 33-17 – House Committee on Science and Aeronautics

FG 36-1 – Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences

FG 164 – NASA (2 boxes)

FG 209 – President’s Science Advisory Committee

FG 221-18 – Space Task Force (Box 3)

OS (Outer Space) (13 boxes)

SP (Speeches)

Box 21 – GEN (SP) OS Outer Space
Box 155 – SP 3-60 NASA Personnel in Launch Control at Kennedy Space Center
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