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ERA 10: CONTEMPORARY UNITED STATES (1968 TO THE PRESENT)
THEMES: AMERICAN DIVERSITY, AMERICAN IDENTITY, POLITICS
AND CITIZENSHIP

Clinton's Legacy



42nd President of the United States, Bill Clinton.

Guiding Questions

What is the legacy of President Bill Clinton?

What factors influence historical perspectives of a president's legacy?

Was Clinton more successful after leaving the White House?

What expectations should the American people have for their president?

Question Focus Examples for Task 24

President Clinton was more successful after leaving the White House than he was as president.

Teacher-to-Teacher

Bill Clinton's presidency is probably most well-known for the impeachment process and the Monica Lewinsky affair; however, other factors clearly must be weighed when determining a presidential legacy. The *American Heritage* article compares Clinton to Calvin Coolidge. Of the included primary sources, the Ashbrook Center is a well-known conservative body while NPR has a liberal reputation. Taken with Clinton's words and actions, this collection provides students an opportunity to form their own opinion of Clinton's legacy.

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- Task 2:** One Sentence Summaries
- Task 3:** Unpack the Points
- Task 8:** Analyze and Compare Author Purpose
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