Read about the process for impeaching a president. Then analyze the situations that led to the impeachment of presidents and the outcomes throughout America’s history.

# The Presidential Impeachment Process

| 1. Investigation | 2. Vote in the House | 3. Trial in the Senate | 4. Vote in the Senate |
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| A committee in the House of Representatives gathers information and votes to bring impeachment charges. | If the committee votes to impeach, a vote in the full House of Representatives is held to determine if charges will be brought. The vote must be a simple majority, 50% plus 1, in favor of impeaching. | If the vote passes, a trial is held in the Senate. All 100 Senators are the jurors. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presides over the trial. | At the end of the trial, the Senate votes to find the president guilty or not guilty. A minimum of a ⅔ vote is required to remove the president from office. |

# America’s History

| President | Reason for Impeachment and Charges | Closest Outcome |
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| Andrew Johnson (1868) | * 11 Articles of Impeachment * Violation of the Tenure of Office Act (mostly) | * Votes to Remove: 35 (65%) * Votes to Acquit: 19 (35%)   *President Johnson stayed in office.* |
| William (Bill) Clinton (1998) | * 2 Articles of Impeachment * Grand Jury Perjury and Obstruction of Justice | * Votes to Remove: 50 (50%) * Votes to Acquit: 50 (50%)   *President Clinton stayed in office.* |
| Donald Trump (2019) | * 2 Articles of Impeachment * Abuse of Power and Obstruction of Congress | * Votes to Remove: 52 (52%) * Votes to Acquit: 48 (48%)   *President Trump stayed in office.* |
| Donald Trump (2021) | * 1 Article of Impeachment * Incitement of Insurrection | * Votes to Remove: 57 (57%) * Votes to Acquit: 43 (43%)   *President Trump stayed in office.* |

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| Question: Why do you think no president has ever been removed from office? | |
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| 1. Write your opinion to the question. | 1. Read the claim in the first box; then add something to support that claim. |
| 1. Read the claim; then make a counterargument. | 1. Read through boxes 1-3; then write a summary. |