

# TRIAL BY SENATE

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
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 $\frac{2}{3}$ vote is required to remove the president from office.

## America's History

President	Reason for Impeachment and Charges	Closest Outcome
<b>Andrew Johnson (1868)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11 Articles of Impeachment</li><li>• Violation of the Tenure of Office Act (mostly)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Votes to Remove: 35 (65%)</li><li>• Votes to Acquit: 19 (35%)</li></ul> <i>President Johnson stayed in office.</i>
<b>William (Bill) Clinton (1998)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 Articles of Impeachment</li><li>• Grand Jury Perjury and Obstruction of Justice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Votes to Remove: 50 (50%)</li><li>• Votes to Acquit: 50 (50%)</li></ul> <i>President Clinton stayed in office.</i>
<b>Donald Trump (2019)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 Articles of Impeachment</li><li>• Abuse of Power and Obstruction of Congress</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Votes to Remove: 52 (52%)</li><li>• Votes to Acquit: 48 (48%)</li></ul> <i>President Trump stayed in office.</i>
<b>Donald Trump (2021)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 Article of Impeachment</li><li>• Incitement of Insurrection</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Votes to Remove: 57 (57%)</li><li>• Votes to Acquit: 43 (43%)</li></ul> <i>President Trump stayed in office.</i>

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Question: Why do you think no president has ever been removed from office?

1. Write your opinion to the question.

2. Read the claim in the first box; then add something to support that claim.

3. Read the claim; then make a counterargument.

4. Read through boxes 1-3; then write a summary.