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MULTIPLE ROLES OF THE PRESIDENT

Directions: Carefully read each historical event and then decide which “Presidential Role” was played by the President.

1. During the 1962, Cuban Missile Crisis, President Kennedy placed all military personnel on “Full Alert.” Later after a brain-storming session, he decided to order a Naval Blockade around Cuba to prevent Russia from transporting nuclear warheads to that island.
2. Since 1949, when China became Communist, the United States refused to officially recognize its government. Finally, in 1968, when Richard Nixon became President, he began a more lenient foreign policy towards China. In 1972, Nixon became the first president to visit China, and shortly afterwards the United States government “recognized” the People’s Republic of China.
3. Due to the strong public opposition against the continued war in Vietnam, President Johnson decided against running for re-election in 1968. The decision received a mixed reaction from the American people.
4. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter warmly greeted the visiting leaders of Egypt and Israel, President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menachim Begin. Their discussion led to the famous Camp David Accords, a potential peace agreement for the Middle East.
5. During President Johnson’s administration, he urged Congress to pass laws that would improve society in America. His program was called the “Great Society.” At this time, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Equal Pay Act of 1963.
6. In 1970, Congress authorized President Nixon to freeze wages and prices to control “galloping” inflation. Nixon used this power to place a 90-day freeze on all wages, price and rents.
7. When James Meredith, a black man, was denied entry into the University of Mississippi, President Kennedy ordered his Attorney General, Robert Kennedy, to take action to enforce Federal laws preventing discrimination. Soon afterwards, Mr. Meredith was admitted.
8. During his administration, President Reagan practiced “political patronage” by appointing many Republicans to his Cabinet and high government positions. Reagan’s administration changed more high ranking officials than any other Presidency.