*U.S. History (Gr. 11) New West Charter Instructor: Ms. Hynes*

**CNN “The Seventies”**

**Episode 2: United States vs. Richard Nixon**

1. How do the narrators characterize Nixon’s first term in office?
2. Briefly summarize the events of the Watergate break-in, including who was involved.
3. What was the Nixon adminstration’s first response to the break-in?
4. Describe the emotional “atmosphere” that Nixon cultivated in the White House as president.
5. What finally led to the exposure of Nixon’s involvement in the Watergate cover-up?
6. What crucial information did Alexander Butterfield reveal?
7. What reasons did Nixon give for attempting to withhold the White House tapes from special prosecutor Archibald Cox?
8. Describe the Constitutional crisis that was triggered over Nixon’s refusal to release the tapes and his determination to fire Archibald Cox.
9. While it was a dark period in American history, is there anything about the outcome of the Watergate affair that gives you hope or inspires you in any way?

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