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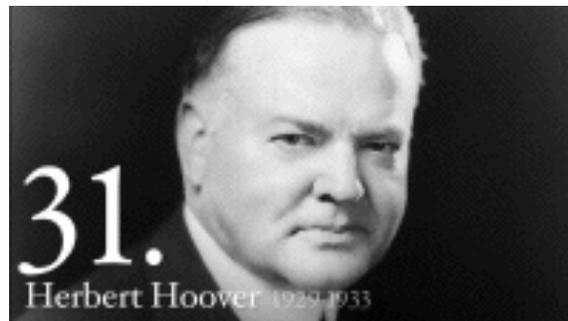


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THE READING / LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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After the United States entered the war, President Wilson appointed Hoover as the head of the Food Administration. He succeeded in cutting consumption of foods needed overseas and avoided rationing at home, yet kept the Allies fed. He then served as Secretary of Commerce under Presidents Harding and Coolidge. Hoover became the Republican Presidential nominee and won the 1928 election.

The Wall Street Crash of 1929 struck less than eight months into his term. He created many projects to try and end the Great Depression, such as the Hoover Dam. He cut taxes and increased public spending. None of this produced economic recovery. As a result, Hoover is ranked poorly among former presidents. After World War II, he was a fierce opponent of communism. He died in 1964 at the age of 90.

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LISTENING GAP FILL

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____





STUDENT HERBERT HOOVER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Herbert Hoover in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about Herbert Hoover. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Herbert Hoover. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. HERBERT HOOVER POSTER Make a poster about Herbert Hoover. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY HERBERT HOOVER LESSON: Make your own English lesson on Herbert Hoover. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on Herbert Hoover. Share your findings with the class.

