

GUIDED READING Watergate: Nixon's Downfall

As you read about Watergate, answer the questions shown on the following time line.

1972

June

Break-in at DNC campaign office

Nov.

Nixon wins reelection.

1. How were the "plumbers" connected to President Nixon?

1973

Jan.

Plumbers go on trial.

2. Who was the judge? Why did he hand out maximum sentences?

Mar.

Mitchell and Dean are implicated.

3. How were Mitchell and Dean connected to Nixon?

April

Dean is fired; Haldeman and

Erlichman resign.

May

Senate opens Watergate hearings.

4. How were Haldeman and Erlichman connected to Nixon?

5. What did the following men tell the Senate about Nixon?

a. Dean

b. Butterfield

Oct.

Saturday Night Massacre

6. Who was fired or forced to resign in the "massacre"?

1974

April

Edited transcripts of tapes are released.

July

Supreme Court orders surrender of tapes.

Aug.

House committee adopts impeachment articles.

Unedited tapes are released. Nixon resigns.

7. Why weren't investigators satisfied with the transcripts?

8. What did the tapes reveal?