

Windows on America

Virtual Field Trip Assignment

1. Analyze the different sections of the exhibition (found in the map icon in the top left corner of the screen, second from the left), paying particular attention to the types of written documents, objects, and audio files on display. For each section below, find one primary source and one secondary source you think supports the exhibit's goal of explaining *presidential challenges*.

Jeffersonian Visions (*Thomas Jefferson*)

Healing a Nation (*Abraham Lincoln*)

Lincoln Assassination (*Abraham Lincoln*)

WWI TR & Wilson (*Theodore Roosevelt*)

WWII Pacific Front (*Franklin Delano Roosevelt*)

The Big Three/WWII Allied Front (*Franklin Delano Roosevelt*)

Truman & End of War (*Harry Truman*)

Camelot/JKF Assassination (*John F. Kennedy*)



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2. Describe in detail and explain why one artifact or document is a good choice for this exhibit and its goal of explaining presidential challenges.

3. Describe in detail and explain why one of the artifacts is a poor choice for this exhibit and represents presidential trivia, in your opinion.



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4. Critique the overall exhibit. How did it inform you of the challenges faced and the roles played by past presidents? What was your overall impression of the exhibit? What was missing from the exhibit?

5. Would you recommend this exhibit to others? Who? Why or why not?

