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My presentation will share Grant's life story focusing on experiences that they can relate to. I will share stories of Grant school experiences and his military experiences through the American Civil War and then later years as the 18th President of the United States.. The texts and resources listed below will provide you the foundation to prepare your study of Ulysses S. Grant. Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions for your OLLI experience.

Presentation Outline:

My Early Years

West Point Experience

Mexican War

Frederick Dent/Julia Dent

Civil War Years

Abraham Lincoln

Elections of 1868, 1872

18th President

Scandals

Accomplishments

Election of 1876

Mark Twain and Memoirs

Ulysses S. Grant Resources

American Ulysses, The Life of Ulysses S. Grant, Ronald C. White, 2016

Grant, Ron Chernow, 2017

Grant, Jean Edward Smith, 2001.

Grant at 200, Reconsidering the Life and Legacy of Ulysses S. Grant, Chris MacKowski and Frank J Scaturro, 2023.

The Man Who Saved the Union, H.W. Brands, 2012

To Rescue the Republic, The Fragile Union and Crisis of 1876, Bret Baier, 2021

The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant, Charles W. Calhoun, 2017

Web Resources:

You Tube: <https://youtu.be/TJEe6WWC9YA?feature=shared>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ulysses_S._Grant

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presidency_of_Ulysses_S._Grant

Web Resources: continued

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/ulysses-s-grant/>

<https://www.biography.com/political-figures/ulysses-s-grant>

<https://millercenter.org/president/grant>

U.S. Grant Presidential Library

<https://www.usgrantlibrary.org/usga>

<https://www.usgrantlibrary.org/usgrant/presidency>

<https://scholarsjunction.msstate.edu/usg-bibliography-and-chronology/1/>

[U.S Grant Accomplishments](#)

[Biography of President Grant](#)

Suggested Questions for President U.S. Grant

1. Tell us about your family. Did you have brothers and sisters? Wife and children?
2. Were you in the Army before the Civil War? West Point experience?
3. Why did the Civil War happen? What role did you take during the war?
4. Were you interested in being a politician after the war? What changed your mind?
5. What did you think of President Andrew Johnson and Abraham Lincoln?
6. We understand that many people think that your Presidency was a failure? Why? What were your accomplishments as a two-term President?
7. What would you consider to be your greatest achievement as President?
8. What would be your greatest failures as President?
9. What did you do about the crime against the former slaves and Native Americans after the war?
10. What role did Mark Twain have in the writing and publishing of your memoirs?