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Senate Impeachment Trials

Introduction:

View the following introductory clip on Senate impeachment trials. Answer each question in the space provided.

Video Clip 1: The History of Senate Impeachment Trials	
Describe the partisanship and early impeachment proceedings in the 1800s.	
What is the role that the Senate plays in the impeachment and removal process?	
What were the reasons for impeaching President Andrew Johnson? What was the result in the Senate?	
How is the standard for impeachment in the House different from the standard for the removal of a president?	
Who presents the evidence during the impeachment trial in the Senate?	
What was the result of the Senate trial for President Bill Clinton?	

Exploration:

Take notes on the chart below as you view the linked video clips about Senate impeachment trials.

- **Video Clip 2:** [Presidential Impeachment Trials in the Senate](#)
- **Video Clip 3:** [The Role of Senators during Impeachment Trials](#)
- **Video Clip 4:** [The Senate as a Jury in Impeachment Trials](#)
- **Video Clip 5:** [The Role of the Chief Justice in Impeachment Trials](#)

Guiding Questions	Notes	Information needing further clarification
Who presides over the impeachment trial? How does this take place?		
How are rules for the trial determined?		
What are the two sides in the Senate impeachment trial? How are these sides represented?		
What is the role of Senators in this process?		
How is the verdict determined in Senate impeachment trials?		
What is the burden of proof in a Senate impeachment trial?		
How are Senate impeachment trials both a legal and political process?		