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'Watergate' Viewing Guide

As you watch "Watergate," answer the questions below.

1. What was Watergate? What event first attracted the news media's attention?

2. Who were some of the players in these events?

3. What allegations against the president and his staff did news reports bring to light?

4. How did the president and his staff fight back against these allegations?

5. What was the fallout (the consequences) of the reporting on the scandal?

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After you watch the video, complete the questions below.

1. Why is coverage of the Watergate scandal a significant part of journalism history?

2. Describe the role of the press in this story.

3. Imagine you are a journalist and gather information that is true, but if you publish it, it will cause someone to lose their job. What factors would you consider in deciding whether or not to publish this information?

4. How much does the public have a right to know about what the president does? Should the press report on what the president eats for dinner? What about where the president goes on vacation? Explain your answers.
