The Role of a First Lady

Although the Constitution of the United States does not assign the First Lady any official duties, since the early 1900s, the wives of the Presidents have choosen to use the prestige and power of their position to work on special projects they find important. For example. Mrs. Hoover worked hard to promote the Girl Scouts, Mrs. Johnson started a project to beautify the nation's capital, and Mrs. Bush focused on literacy and education. Do you know what Mrs. Obama is working on?

Based on what you have learned from the exhibit, what demost important project?	
If you were First Lady, or First Man!, what programs would	d vou create?

A Month in the White House

One of the best resources to better understand Mrs. Nixon's day-to-day activities is her daily calendar. See if you can use Mrs. Nixon schedule from April 1972 printed below to answer the questions provided.

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- 1. How many times did Mrs. Nixon meet with groups related to Congress?
- 2, What awards did she present?
- 3. Did she visit any foreign countries?
- 4. On April 20, Mrs. Nixon attended a very special ceremony welcoming two Giant Pandas to the National Zoo. Why was this important? Hint: It has to do with a very special visit to another country.
- 5. How did Mrs. Nixon celebrate Earth Day? Hint: What did she do on April 10?

The Pat Mixon Centennial Exhibit People were her project.

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Many Different Names

Although the world knew her as Pat, Mrs. Nixon's went by many different names durign her life. Using the clues below, she if you can unscramble First Lady Pat Nixon's favorite nicknames.

1.	ABBE	Hint: What her father liked to call her.
2.	ATLHME	Hint: Her given name.

3. YDUDB _____ Hint: What her high school frends called her.

4. TRAIIPCA _____ Hint: The name on her college diploma.

BONUS CHALLENGE! Explore the exhibit to see if you can figure out why Mrs. Nixon was called Pat. Hint: It has to do with the day she celebrated her birthday!

Life in California

Before she moved into the White House, Pat Nixon lived, worked and went to school right here in California! Fill in the blanks to learn more about her early life.



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See if you can find the answers in this word search!

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shortly after she turned one.
Her father, William Ryan, was known as the King.
To help pay for her father's medical
care, Pat took a job at First National
She graduated from USC with a degree
in
After college, Mrs. Nixon taught five
classes a day at Union
High School.
Pat worked at the Office of
Administration in San
Francisco after Richard joined the Navy.

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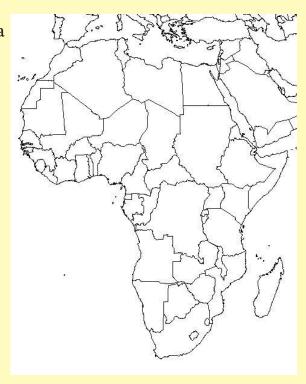
Pat Nixon's family moved from Ely,

Tour of Africa

In January 1972, First Lady Pat Nixon embarked on a solo tour of Africa. Over eight days she visited three different countries: Liberia, Ghana, and the Ivory Coast. Can you locate these three nations on this map of modern day Africa? How many other countries can you identify?

BONUS CHALLENGE! Can you name their capitals?





Traveling the World

As First Lady, Mrs. Nixon represented the United States in more countries than any other First Lady before her! Explore the exhibit to find the answers to the crossword clues below.

Across:

- 1. In 1969, Pat Nixon became the first First Lady to visit an active combat zone when she met with citizens and soldiers involved in the ______ War.
- 2. While on their famous visit to the People's Republic of China in 1972, President and Mrs. Nixon were photographed on the ______ Wall of China, a series of ancient stone and earthen barricades designed to protect the Chinese Empire from invasion.

Down:

- 1. As First Lady, Mrs. Nixon helped deliver emergency supplies to _____ after a devastating earthquake on May 31, 1970 left over 800,000 people homeless.
- 2. Vice-President and Mrs. Nixon encountered dangerous protesters on a visit to this capital of Venezuela.

