

Political Science 326  
Presidential Profile

Due: Thursday, May 10 by 1:00pm -- **No late papers**

The following paper assignment should meet the following parameters:

- 7-8 pages in length
- Double-spaced
- 12-point Times New Roman font
- 1-inch margins
- Page numbers included
- Works cited included

You must turn in a digital copy on Blackboard and a hard copy in class.

*Assignment*

A presidential administration has been assigned to each student. Your assignment can be found on the course website. The purpose of the presidential profile is to evaluate the success or failure of your assigned presidential administration.

The main question your paper should address is: **How is your presidential administration considered a success?** No matter the administration, each president has to contend with how to frame their presidency as a success. You will be making a persuasive argument for your administration by becoming *the class expert* in your administration. To become an expert, the Cal Poly Pomona has tons of resources for each presidential administration: <http://bit.ly/1N3doPn>

In making your argument that your assigned administration is a success, you should have the following three sections in your paper with these subheadings in bold:

- **Early Life:** Background and history of president, including their upbringing and early career (1-2 pages)
- **The administration:** A summary of the major events of the administration and the president's unique use of power surrounding those events (4-6 pages)
- **Legacy:** A brief analysis indicating a singular aspect of the administration on which a presidential museum should focus (1-2 pages)

**An acceptable paper** will use academic resources as evidence for their argument, including biographies, academic books, and journal articles in a works cited page. **A successful paper** will incorporate the major themes we have learned in this class, including but not limited to: the president's relationship with the legislature, bureaucracy, and judiciary. **A truly exceptional paper** will demonstrate mastery over the theories we examine in this course including but not limited to: the evolution of the constitutional presidency, the importance of presidential leadership, the power dynamics between branches of government, and the modern presidency's communication and governing style.