Which statement do you agree most with?

✦ The executive branch should be the most powerful branch of the federal government.
✦ Congress, as direct representatives of the people, should be the most powerful branch.
✦ The Judiciary Branch has too much power over the other 2 branches of federal government.
The Presidency of Richard M. Nixon
Richard Nixon

- "Tricky Dick"
- Experienced politician.
- many successes and failures early in his career.
- Won narrowly over Hubert Humphrey in 1968.
“The Checkers Speech”
Nixon wins in ’68

✦ appeals to the “silent majority”.

✦ critical of LBJ’s Great Society.

✦ dedicated to fighting crime and pollution.
Foreign Policy

- Ended the Vietnam War.
- developed a new approach to dealing with communism.
- Opened up relations with China.
“Detente”
“Ping-Pong Diplomacy”
Henry Kissinger, sec. of State

- An “Odd” couple.
Domestic Policy

- “New Federalism”
  - Nixon wanted to decrease federal spending, give money and resources to state governments.
Domestic policy continued

- However, federal government still strong.
- OSHA: safety in the workplace.
- DEA: war on drugs.
- EPA: environmental protection.
problems with domestic policy:

- stagflation: inflation and economic recession at the same time.
- caused by Vietnam war spending, and competition with foreign business (OPEC)
The Watergate Scandal:

- Read 1049-1053. Answer the following questions:
  - What was the origin of the Watergate Scandal?
  - How was it connected to Nixon?
  - What did Congress want Nixon to turn over for investigation?
  - What was the Supreme Court’s ruling on Nixon?
  - How did the scandal force Nixon to resign?
  - How did the Watergate scandal test the American governmental system?
Nixon resigns,

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