

First Ladies of the United States Presidencies

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In today's presidency we see a focus not only on the duties of state, but also the role and motivations of the First Lady. Students are challenged to look at the active roles First Ladies contributed to the country while their husbands were in office, in contrast to the contributions of the Presidents themselves and also how their roles affected public opinion during that time period.

Introduction

The Smithsonian Museum of American History located in Washington DC., is looking to update their *America's First Ladies* exhibit for the following year by showcasing three of America's First Ladies for their contributions and affect on public opinion during the years of their husbands presidency. Each of you have been assigned to three committees in order to come up with three nominations for the exhibit. Each committee will then present their nominations to the Smithsonian Evaluation Board in order for them to approve or reject each nomination.



