







A book cover featuring a portrait of President Andrew Johnson. The title 'IMPEACHED' is at the top in large, bold letters. Below it, the subtitle reads 'THE TRIAL OF PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON AND THE FIGHT FOR LINCOLN'S LEGACY'.

A newspaper clipping with the headline 'Clinton impeached'. The sub-headline reads 'Livingston quits, urges president to resign; Clinton vows to do job to 'last hour of last day''. Below the headline is a photo of Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton.

IMPEACHMENT

Impeachment does **NOT** mean removal from office

THE CONSTITUTION

Article I, Section 2: House of Representatives "have the sole Power of Impeachment."

Article II, Section 3: Senate "shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments" and "no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present."

A close-up photograph of the opening words of the United States Constitution, 'We the People', written in cursive on aged parchment.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 4

Article II (The Executive Branch), Section 4 (Disqualification):

A small image of the original text of Article II, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution.

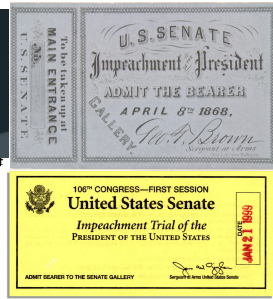
Text:

- "The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

- Lots of debate about what is an impeachable offense
- Constitution says 1) treason (helping enemies of the U.S., 2) bribery (taking \$ or gifts in exchange for political favor, 3) high crimes and misdemeanors

The Impeachment Process

- Impeachment process starts in the **House of Representatives**
 - Any representatives can introduce an impeachment resolution
- Impeachment charges must be approved by the majority of the **House Judiciary Committee**
 - Prepares a report to be debated and voted on by the full House
- House of Representatives votes on the articles of impeachment
 - If **simple majority** vote "Yes", the president is impeached
 - Does not mean they are removed from office
- The **Senate** conducts a trial
 - Members of House investigate and prosecute the case
 - Senators are the jurors
 - Need 2/3 **supermajority** (67 votes to convict and remove from office)



45 PRESIDENTS (as of 2017)



Only TWO U.S. presidents have been successfully impeached

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The History of Presidential Impeachment

- Andrew Johnson** violated the "**Tenure of Office Act**" when he fired Secretary of War Edwin Stanton
 - Tenure of Office Act required he get the approval of Congress
- Bill Clinton** was impeached as a result of his affair with Monica Lewinsky
 - Impeached on charges of **perjury** and **obstruction of justice**
- Both result in **acquittals**
- Richard Nixon's** involvement in the **Watergate** scandal
 - Nixon fired chief Watergate investigator Archibald Cox
 - Nixon **resigned** from the presidency before the full House voted on impeachment
- No U.S. President has been removed from office by impeachment and conviction**



