**Forrest Gump - American History**

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**A. Major People, Places, and Events in Forrest Gump**

- Write a short definition/description of each person, event, or place.

Klu Klux Klan -

Elvis Presley -

Bear Bryant -

Integration of the University Alabama -

Governor George Wallace -

John F. Kennedy, Jr. -

Marilyn Monroe -

JFK Assassination -

Vietnam War -

Robert Kennedy Assassination -

Lyndon B. Johnson -

Abbie Hoffman -

War Protest/Hippie Movement -

Black Panthers -

Moon Landing (1969) -

Ping Pong Diplomacy -

Richard Nixon -

Watergate -

John Lennon and “Imagine” -

Hurricane Carmen -

Apple Computers -

HIV/AIDS -

**B. Viewing Questions**

1. Where did Forrest place the feather he found at the beginning of the movie? (Be Precise)

2. According to the doctor Forrest’s back was as crooked as what?

3. Where did Forrest Gump live?

4. What was Forrest’s IQ? What was the state minimum for attending public school?

5. Who was the person staying at the Gump’s who brought his guitar?

6. Why didn’t Jenny ever want to go home?

7. Who was the coach doing the scouting when Forrest ran through football practice?

8. What school did Forrest Gump play football for?

9. Who carried out their threat to stand in front of the schoolhouse doors, preventing black students from entering?

10. Who does Jenny dream to be famous like?

11. Who was President when Forrest was on the All-American football team?

12. What famous actress had her picture in the White House bathroom? Why is this significant?

13. Where was JFK when he was assassinated?

14. Who was JFK’s “little brother”? What happened to him?

15. Why was Forrest such a good soldier?

16. Why are Forrest and Bubba told not to salute their lieutenant?

17. What are the two standing orders of Forrest’s platoon in Vietnam?

18. Who were they always looking for when they went on their “long walks”?

19. What is the air strike going to drop close to Forrest’s platoon?

20. What is the “million dollar wound”?

21. Where is Forrest’s military hospital located?

22. What award did Forrest win?

23. Who awarded him this medal?

24. Where is the protest stage located when Forrest gives his “speech”?

25. Where is the bus heading to when Jenny leaves D.C.?

26. Who was a guest on the same talk show as Forrest was on?

27. Who was president when the US ping pong team visited the White House?

28. What hotel had “problems” when Forrest called to complain about the flashlights? What was really happening?

29. What destroyed everything in its path, including all the shrimping boats, except Forrest’s?

30. What is the name of Forrest’s boat?

31. What president avoided assassination?

32. Why does Lieutenant Dan become a part of Bubba-Gump Shrimp Company?

33. Who does Lieutenant Dan invest Forrest’s money in? Was it a good investment?

34. What president was shot in the chest?

35. What substance is Lieutenant Dan’s new legs made out of?

**C. Post Viewing Assessment**

36. The movie Forrest Gump focuses on many events from American history. Make a list of five of these historical events and EXPLAIN why each of these events was important and the fictional role that Forrest Gump played in them.

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37. The United States went through a great deal of social changes between the 1950’s and 1960’s. Identify and EXPLAIN three examples from Forrest Gump of social changes that America went through during this time.

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