

Donald Trump impeached

21st December, 2019



Creative Commons 2.0
via Gage Skidmore on [wikimedia.org](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Donald_Trump_2019.jpg)

Donald Trump has been impeached by the House of Representatives in the USA. The House took the historic step of impeaching the President. It is just the third time in history that a US president has been impeached. President Trump has been charged with abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. These represent the impeachable acts of "high crimes and misdemeanors," which could lead to his removal from power. This is unlikely, however, as the Republican-controlled US Congress has to vote in favor of that by a majority of two-thirds. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said: "If we do not act now, we would be derelict in our duty. It is tragic that the President's reckless actions make impeachment necessary."

The impeachment is the culmination of a lengthy and acrimonious three-month investigation into allegations that President Trump pressured Ukraine to investigate his political rivals for personal gain. Mr Trump has continually called the probe the greatest witch-hunt in history. Republicans also reacted angrily to the impeachment. Republican Barry Loudermilk compared the process to the fate of Jesus Christ at his death. He said: "Pontius Pilate afforded more rights to Jesus than Democrats have afforded this president in this process." Mr Trump said: "The Democrats are surrendering their majority, their dignity. They look like a bunch of fools." He tweeted: "They are not after me; they are after you."

Sources: [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com) / [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) / [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com)

Writing

Donald Trump is the best US President ever and should not be impeached. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

impeachment / President Trump / historic / abuse / power / crimes / vote / tragic / culmination / allegations / investigation / rivals / death / majority / Jesus / fools

True / False

- a) The US Congress has impeached U.S. President Trump. T / F
- b) It is the third time a U.S. president has been impeached. T / F
- c) President Trump has been impeached for committing "low crimes". T / F
- d) Nancy Pelosi said her duty is to be derelict. T / F
- e) The impeachment process has taken three years so far. T / F
- f) President Trump has called his impeachment a "witch-hunt". T / F
- g) A Republican suggested Jesus Christ was treated better than Mr Trump. T / F
- h) President Trump tweeted that Democrats were after the US people. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. step | a. irresponsible |
| 2. misuse | b. negligent |
| 3. unlikely | c. giving up |
| 4. derelict | d. exploitation |
| 5. reckless | e. adversaries |
| 6. culmination | f. destiny |
| 7. rivals | g. improbable |
| 8. fate | h. group |
| 9. surrendering | i. action |
| 10. bunch | j. climax |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) Do you think Donald Trump should be removed from office?
- c) Is Donald trump better than Barack Obama?
- d) Why might some people not like Donald Trump?
- e) Do you think the impeachment is part of a witch-hunt?
- f) How would you assess Donald Trump's character?
- g) Will Donald Trump win the 2020 election?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Donald Trump?

Phrase Match

- | | |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. It is just the third | a. to Jesus |
| 2. Trump has been charged with | b. actions |
| 3. lead to his removal | c. three-month investigation |
| 4. a majority of | d. hunt in history |
| 5. the President's reckless | e. from power |
| 6. a lengthy and acrimonious | f. abuse of power |
| 7. investigate his political | g. fools |
| 8. the greatest witch- | h. two-thirds |
| 9. Pontius Pilate afforded more rights | i. rivals |
| 10. They look like a bunch of | j. time in history |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about President Trump being impeached?
- What do you think of President Trump?
- What is behind the impeachment?
- What do you think of U.S. politics?
- Has Donald Trump been a force for good in the world?
- What are Donald Trump's biggest successes?
- What three adjectives best describe Donald Trump, and why?
- What advice do you have for Donald Trump?

Spelling

- abuse of power and tsrobtcouin of Congress
- high crimes and ioesasermdmn
- These nsepetrre the impeachable acts
- we would be decilrte in our duty
- It is aitrgc
- the President's sklreecs actions
- The impeachment is the imutlnanico
- a lengthy and uoranosicim three-month investigation
- investigate his political srialv
- Republicans also decreta angrily
- Pilate drofdfae more rights to Jesus
- ueirsredgnnr their majority, their dignity

Answers – Synonym Match

| | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. i | 2. d | 3. g | 4. b | 5. a |
| 6. j | 7. e | 8. f | 9. c | 10. h |

Role Play

Role A – Donald Trump

You think Donald Trump is the best world leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): Queen Elizabeth II, Vladimir Putin or Narendra Modi.

Role B – Queen Elizabeth II

You think Queen Elizabeth II is the best world leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin or Narendra Modi.

Role C – Vladimir Putin

You think Vladimir Putin is the best world leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): Queen Elizabeth II, Donald Trump or Narendra Modi.

Role D – Narendra Modi

You think Narendra Modi is the best world leader. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): Queen Elizabeth II, Vladimir Putin or Donald Trump.

Speaking – U.S. Presidents

Rank these with your partner. Put the best president at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| • John F Kennedy | • Donald Trump |
| • Franklin D Roosevelt | • Barack Obama |
| • Abraham Lincoln | • George W Bush |
| • George Washington | • Bill Clinton |

Answers – True False

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | F | b | T | c | F | d | F | e | F | f | T | g | T | h | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.