Directions: As you watch the program, answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. After the swearing-in ceremony, many American presidents have followed the tradition of doing what? (Hint: They often do this when traveling from the U.S. Capitol to the White House.)

2. How long did it take to complete the White House?

3. What happened to the White House during the War of 1812?

4. During the War of 1812, who saved the famous painting of George Washington that still hangs in the White House today?

5. This presidential office in the White House is referred to as the biggest “home-field advantage” in modern politics. Which office is it?

6. During Theodore Roosevelt’s administration, the White House was expanded and new offices were created for the president’s staff. What were these new offices called?

7. The “Resolute Desk” used by modern-day presidents was a gift from which famous person?

8. To stay connected with ordinary American citizens, President Obama had a tradition of doing what each night before going to bed?

9. Which furniture item did President Ford have moved into the White House from his own private residence?

10. Angella Reid is the White House Chief Usher. What are her responsibilities?

11. The permanent staff at the White House must remain non-partisan as well as work to protect every presidential family’s what?

12. Chief Butler Alonza Fields will always remember what about Franklin D. Roosevelt’s presidency? (Hint: December 7, 1941)
13. After the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, what did Mrs. Kennedy ask White House Staff to research?

14. To entertain guests, John & Abigail Adams created the first what to entertain them? How has the tradition continued to this day?

15. Josh Earnest served as Press Secretary during the Obama Presidency. Explain his responsibilities in this role.

16. Which American president gave the media their own room at the White House?

17. Contrast the relationship that President Kennedy & Johnson had with the press with that of President Richard Nixon. (Hint: How was Nixon’s attitude towards the press different from Kennedy & Johnson?)

18. Presidential Historian Richard Norton Smith discusses the impact of the 24/7 news cycle on the American presidency and the White House staff. How has this impacted the happenings at the White House?

19. Presidential children have had many unique experiences growing up in the White House. Use examples from the video to illustrate the types of things they have had to deal with.

20. In their letter to the Obama daughters, what advice did the Bush daughters pass on to them?

21. After many years of wear-and-tear, some architects and engineers wanted to level the White House and start over. Which American president objected and demanded that its history be preserved during its remodel?

22. How did First Lady Jackie Kennedy change the White House?

23. What is the job of the White House Curator?
24. Where does the First Lady and her staff work at the White House? Describe the roles that the First Ladies have fulfilled over the years.

25. How did Eleanor Roosevelt change the role of the First Lady? Give specific examples.

26. Since the country’s inception, how has access to the White House & the American president changed? Who is responsible for the security of the White House?

27. On September 11, 2001, White House Staff were busy planning for which event? Why were these plans interrupted? Where were the President’s closest staff and family taken to?

28. During the Vietnam War, what extreme measure was taken to protect the White House and President Nixon from anti-war protestors?

29. President Harry Truman and many other presidents compared living in the White House to what? Why do you think they felt this way?

30. Upon leaving the White House, what did the Presidents and First Ladies say that they would miss the most about leaving 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue?

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