MANDATE: THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE

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As you watch the program, answer the following questions.

1. What is a “popular mandate”?

2. When creating an executive branch, what was the biggest challenge facing the delegates at the Constitutional Convention in 1787?

3. Which delegate wanted the President to be elected directly by the people? What did they create instead?

4. How did George Washington view the presidency?

5. What happened to Andrew Jackson in the presidential election of 1824? How did he react?

6. Who was the first president to claim a “popular mandate”?

7. In which presidential election was the idea of a “winner take all” system used? Who won the election?

8. Give examples of how Lincoln exerted unprecedented presidential power.

9. Why was the idea of abolish slavery a difficult one during the early part of the Civil War?

10. In 1864, what percentage of the popular vote did Lincoln receive? What issue (amendment) did he push following this mandate?

11. Who invented the “modern presidency”?

12. According to FDR, what was his mandate from the people? How did FDR overextend his reach for power?