

BACKGROUND NOTES: *All the President's Men*

All The President's Men by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein tells the story behind the Watergate scandal. It all started with a burglary at the Democratic headquarters, but proved to be something much more complex. This story tells how two reporters worked with sources to uncover deceit in the highest levels of government.

On June 17, 1972, Woodward was asked to cover a story for his job at the "Washington Post." There had been a burglary at the Watergate hotel. When he arrived at the newsroom, he discovered that this wasn't an ordinary burglary, and he wasn't the only one reporting on it. The burglars had broken into the headquarters of the Democratic national committee in the Watergate office-apartment-hotel-complex. Bernstein had the same assignment. The two men had no appreciation for each other.

At the trial, Woodward realized that there might be more to the story.

Main Characters in the Movie:

Bob Woodward -- Investigative Reporter

Carl Bernstein--Investigative Reporter

Harry Rosenfeld--head of local news at Washington Post

Howard Simons--Managing Editor responsible for letting local reporters cover national issue

Ben Bradlee--Executive Editor oversaw publication of Pentagon Papers and Watergate

Hugh Sloan--Treasurer of the Committee to Reelect the President (CRP--CREEP), did not know about the break-in. Became a source for Woodward and Bernstein. Supported by wife, Debby.

Donald Segretti--"Dirty Tricks" operative for Nixon's campaign; forged documents sabotaging opponents.

Bernard Barker--Cuban-American undercover agent for FBI. Convicted with Howard Hunt, G. Gordon Liddy, James McCord.

"Deep Throat"--Associate Director, FBI

Ken Dahlberg--unwittingly wrote \$25,000 check to Maurice Stans who cashed it to give to the burglars

Maurice Stans--Chair of CREEP Finance Committee

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White House Staff involved:

- [Alexander Butterfield](#)--former military, assistant to Haldeman, not involved in wrongdoing but revealing tape recordings
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- [Charles Colson](#)--Special Counsel to the President
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- [John Dean](#)--"master manipulator of the cover-up," refused to resign when Nixon asked him to, served as witness in trials
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- [John Ehrlichman](#)--Counsel for Domestic Affairs, obstruction of justice, conspiracy, perjury
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- [Gerald Ford](#)
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- [H. R. Haldeman](#)--Chief of Staff, obstruction of justice, perjury, conspiracy
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- [E. Howard Hunt](#)--CIA, one of the "Plumbers," conspiracy, burglary, wiretapping
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- [Egil Krogh](#)--Special Investigations Unit for Ehrlichman, "Plumbers" to plug leaks to the press
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- [G. Gordon Liddy](#)--organized breaking with Hunt, burglary, conspiracy, refusing to testify.
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- [Richard Nixon](#)
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- [Gordon C. Strachan](#)--CREEP liaison to Haldeman, oversaw political operations
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- [Rose Mary Woods](#) Secretary to Nixon, kept tapes of conversations at which President was present