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Argue with a US President

Defend, challenge, or qualify the following quotes by U.S. presidents. Be sure you write an argumentatitve paragraph for each quote. Your paragraphs should all include a topic sentence/claim, evidence, and commentary.

Example paragraph:

The idea that “imagination is more important than knowledge” sounds nice, but isn’t true. For example, you can have an expansive imagination, but do nothing with it. A person sitting on their couch imagining stories and ideas is pointless if there is no action taken in response to those imaginings. It is through knowledge of the world and the understanding of how things work where ideas come to fruition. For example, your imagination can produce dazzling stories, but without the knowledge of how to present those ideas on paper via writing, or how to produce a film to convey those concepts–you have nothing. In short, imagination is a great thing, but it needs to be used in tandem with knowledge in order to produce anything tangible and valuable.

Quote #1: "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power."

Abraham Lincoln

Quote #2: “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.”

John Quincy Adams

Quote #3: "Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong."

Calvin Coolidge

Quote #4: "Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president."

Teddy Roosevelt

Quote #5: “Liberty without Learning is always in peril and Learning without Liberty is always in vain.”

John F. Kennedy