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HISTORICAL THEMES

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1 Several of these men used their influential posts for their own gain. Colonel Charles R. Forbes, an Ohio acquaintance of
2 Harding's, sold scarce medical supplies from veterans' hospitals and kept the money for himself. He cost the public about \$250
3 million. In June 1923, while traveling from Alaska to California, Harding became ill with what was probably a heart attack. He
4 died in San Francisco on August 2, shortly before the news of the Forbes scandal broke. Early the next morning, the vice
5 president, Calvin Coolidge, took the oath of office and became president. The most famous scandal, known as Teapot Dome,
6 began in early 1922. Harding's secretary of the interior, Albert B. Fall, secretly allowed private interests to lease lands containing
7 U.S. Navy oil reserves at Teapot Dome, Wyoming, and Elk Hills, California. In return, Fall received bribes from these private
8 interests totaling more than \$300,000. After the Wall Street Journal broke the story, the Senate launched an investigation that
9 took most of the 1920s to complete. In 1929 Secretary Fall became the first cabinet secretary to go to prison. |

LIFE THEMES

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CONFLICT

EXPLORATION

PATTERNS

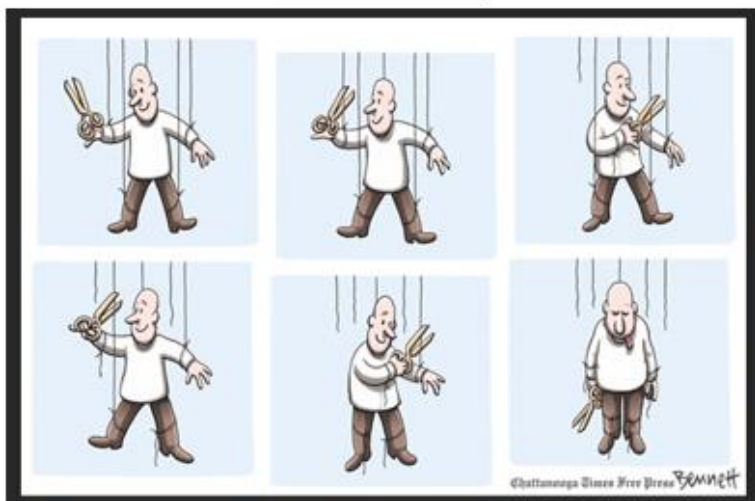
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Learning Task: Close Reading