1970-75 Notes

**Watergate Scandal**

June 1972-Break in at the Democratic National Committee

August 1974-Nixon resigns

Nixon bugged Democratic party members

Administration found to be abusing power

-president is not above the law

“I am not a crook”-quote by Nixon

**Oil Crisis**

* October 1973-March 1974
* OPEC (Arab oil companies) put embargo on US
* Quadrupled price of oil
* Embargo was because the US helped Israel in a war with the Arab countries
* **Gas rationing**, could only get gas certain days

**End of Vietnam**

* August 1973
* U.S. pulls all troops out of country
* Saigon (capital of South Vietnam) captured in 1975
* Withdrawal prompted by heavy discontent and demonstrations

**26th Amendment**

* March 1971
* Reduced voting age from 21 to 18
* Prompted by Vietnam demonstrations
  + If I’m old enough to die in war I should be able to vote

**Last Manned Flight to the Moon**

* December 1972
* Apollo 17
* Eventually discontinued because of cost and benefit to science
  + $170 billion dollars for the entire program (shuttles, etc.)