The Real Herbert Hoover

CLASS 2
World Adventures

“The Great Engineer”

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Class 1 Review…

- 1874 – Hoover is born in to Quaker parents in West Branch, Iowa.
- Orphaned at age 9, he eventually goes to live with his businessman uncle in Oregon.
- At age 13, Herbert drops out of school to work in his uncle’s office.
- Herbert attends night school learning bookkeeping and math.
- Accepted to Stanford University in 1891, its inaugural year.
At Stanford, Hoover majors in geology and meets his future wife, Lou Henry, in geology lab.

1895 – Hoover graduates Stanford and gets job as an office boy for a California mining engineer.

1897 – Accepts job as a geologist and mining engineer in Western Australia.

1898 – Hoover proposes to Lou by cable and she immediately accepts by return cable.
Herbert and Lou are married at her parents home in Monterey, California.

The next day they leave for Tianjin, China where Hoover will serve as mining consultant to the Chinese government.
June 1900 – The Hoovers are besieged in Tianjin by the Boxers.

Both Herbert and Lou play active roles in the defense of the city.
Boxer Rebellion
“Doctor of Sick Mines”

- 1901 – Hoover is made partner in Bewick-Moreing, a large international mining firm, supervising its worldwide operations.

- 1908 – Hoover retires from Bewick-Moreing to become an independent mining consultant traveling worldwide until the start of World War I in 1914.
The Hoover Children

- Herbert Hoover, Jr.
  born in London on August 4, 1903

- Alan Hoover
  born in London on July 17, 1907

The children travelled the world with their parents until the start of World War I.
The Hoover Children…

Herbert Hoover Jr. (1903-1969)
• Engineer, businessman
• Pioneered aviation radio communications
• U.S. Under Secretary of State under Eisenhower

Alan Hoover (1907-1993)
• Mining Engineer, financier
• Established the Hoover Presidential Library at West Branch, Iowa.

Lou Hoover with Herbert Jr. and Alan (1908)
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The Great Humanitarian

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