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**Part 1**. – Identify the 12 US Presidents that we have discussed in class. Rank them in order from whom you believe was the “best” President that held the office since 1945. Write a rationale as to why they ought to be ranked where you have them. Rank Obama where you believe he ought to be right now…even though you haven’t learned everything about him…

For example, **John Kennedy**:  On the plus side, he got Congress to cut income tax rates (thereby reducing somewhat the injustice of steeply progressive taxation) and he led the U.S. through the Cuban missile crisis without starting World War III.  But on the negative side, he committed thousands of American military advisers to South Vietnam – and thus got us sucked into that conflict.  Were it not for the premature end of his presidency due to his assassination, he would be remembered as an unremarkable one-term president, the last president before the “Goldwater Revolution.”  (OK, OK – can’t I indulge in some wishful thinking?)

Then give your President a score out of 100. Try to compare your rating to the top Presidents of all time. For instance, George Washington would commonly receive a 100 while Herbert Hoover would receive a score somewhere in the range of 20-25.

**Ranking of the Best Presidents of the Last 70 Years**

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