**Libel: Warren Harding Was Our Worst President**

**Article Questions**

1. According to the author, what did Harding do as president that “is a slap in the face to most of the professional historians?”

2. Explain two of Harding’s accomplishments mentioned in the article.

3. Summarize in a few sentences Harding’s rise from a simple, middle-class background to receiving the Republican nomination for the presidency in 1920.

4. Define the Teapot Dome scandal, as well as the scandal that occurred within the Veteran’s Bureau.

5. What reason does the author of the article state as to why Harding’s reputation should not be harmed because of the scandals?

6. Why, according to the author, should the Nan Britton affair be dismissed?

7. Why, according to the article, did Harding’s reputation significantly decline after his death?

8. Who was the “Puritan in Babylon?” What was his argument as to why people should vote for him?

9. Research the source of this article (The New American). What are the articles limitations? In other words, what type of bias may be presented within the article?

10. After reading the article and considering its’ limitations, what is your viewpoint on President Harding? Do you think he was a good president? Why or why not?