

Alaska, The World and Wally Hickel
Documentary Study Guide-

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1. What federal position did Wally Hickel hold during the Nixon Administration?
2. What event occurred in May of 1970 that caused Hickel to put his job at risk?
3. How did Wally Hickel break the unspoken rules of being part of President Nixon's cabinet?
4. In 1940, why did Wally Hickel end up coming to Alaska, rather than going to Australia?
5. What type of business did Hickel start when he moved to Anchorage?
6. What learning disability did Wally Hickel have to contend with, throughout his life?
7. What issue brought Wally Hickel into Alaskan and national politics and what was his position on that issue?
8. What personality trait allowed Hickel to do so much, both in political and construction projects?
9. In what year did Wally Hickel first become Governor of Alaska, and what was his top priority?
10. Why did the Alaskan Natives attempt to block Hickel's development plans?
11. What geological discovery and proposed development project strengthened Native positions and lead to finding a solution for both Native and State claims on land?
12. Why was Wally Hickel's nomination by Nixon so strongly opposed by many?
13. What major environmental crisis took place soon after Hickel came to office and began to cause a change in public perception about his care for the environment?

- 14. List 3 pro-environmental decisions that Hickel made while at his post.**
- 15. What role did Wally Hickel play in shaping the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act?**
- 16. Why did Hickel write a letter to President Nixon rather than just talking to him?**
- 17. What was the President Nixon's reaction to the leaked letter?**
- 18. When Hickel went back up to Alaska, wrote a book. What was it called, and what was it about?**
- 19. Hickel started calling Alaska "the Owner State", what did he mean by this?**
- 20. When Wally Hickel was elected as Governor again in 1990, how did he defy political stereotypes?**
- 21. Even after Wally Hickel retired from political office, he kept on speaking and writing about what main subject?**
- 22. Hickel's vision centered on what he called "the Commons". What are the Commons?**
- 23. Why did Hickel think that the commons were so important?**
- 24. Where else around the world did Wally Hickel take his message about Alaska's model of the Owner State, and public management of the commons?**