

GLORIA ARROYO

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was born into a political family in 1947. Her father was president of the Philippines during her teenage years. She is the fourteenth Philippine president and the country's second female president. She has governed her country during very stormy times and has survived many attempts to remove her from office. She is fluent in English, Tagalog and Spanish.

Arroyo's father became president when she was 14. The family moved into the Malacanang Palace in Manila. She studied economics at university in Washington D.C. where she was a classmate of former US President Bill Clinton. She returned to the Philippines and married her childhood sweetheart. They had three children and then Gloria returned to her studies to get her Master's degree and Ph.D.

In 1987, she joined the government as Assistant Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry. She entered politics in 1992 and was elected as Senator in the national elections. She wrote or sponsored 55 laws including anti-sexual harassment and indigenous people's rights laws. She became vice president in 1998 but quit in 2000 because of accusations of corruption against President Estrada.

Arroyo became Philippine president in January 2001, on the same day that US President George W. Bush assumed office in the USA. Arroyo outlined her vision of "building a strong republic". She won the 2004 election by more than a million votes over her nearest rival. She has been praised for making "tough decisions" but is constantly dogged by allegations of corruption.

248 words

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SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. during | a. doctorate |
| 2. stormy | b. expel |
| 3. remove | c. relocated |
| 4. moved | d. troubled |
| 5. sweetheart | e. throughout |
| 6. Ph.D. | f. boyfriend |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| 7. entered | g. resigned |
| 8. quit | h. claims |
| 9. accusations | i. opponent |
| 10. vision | j. got into |
| 11. rival | k. troubled |
| 12. dogged | l. dream |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Arroyo was born | a. remove her from office |
| 2. She has governed her country | b. for making "tough decisions" |
| 3. survived many attempts to | c. indigenous people's rights laws |
| 4. she was a classmate of former | d. during very stormy times |
| 5. married her | e. by allegations of corruption |
| 6. anti-sexual harassment and | f. into a political family |
| 7. accusations of | g. her vision |
| 8. Arroyo outlined | h. US President Bill Clinton |
| 9. She has been praised | i. childhood sweetheart |
| 10. constantly dogged | j. corruption |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo _____ political family in 1947. Her father was president of the Philippines during her teenage years. She is the fourteenth Philippine president _____ second female president. She has governed her country during _____ and has survived many attempts to remove her from office. _____ English, Tagalog and Spanish.

Arroyo's father became president _____. The family moved into the Malacanang Palace in Manila. She studied economics at university in Washington D.C. _____ classmate of former US President Bill Clinton. She returned to the Philippines and married _____ sweetheart. They had three children and then Gloria returned to her studies _____ degree and Ph.D.

In 1987, _____ government as Assistant Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry. She entered _____ and was elected as Senator in the national elections. She wrote or sponsored 55 laws including anti-sexual harassment and indigenous _____ laws. She became vice president in 1998 _____ because of accusations of corruption against President Estrada.

Arroyo became Philippine president in January 2001, _____ that US President George W. Bush _____ in the USA. Arroyo outlined her vision of "building a strong republic". She won the 2004 election by more than a million votes _____ rival. She has been praised for making "tough decisions" but is constantly _____ allegations of corruption.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was born into a *politics / political* family in 1947. Her father was president of the Philippines *during / between* her teenage years. She is the fourteenth Philippine president and the country's second female president. She *has / was* governed her country during very stormy times and has survived many attempts to remove her from *desk / office*. She is fluent in English, Tagalog and Spanish.

Arroyo's father became president when she was 14. The family moved *into / onto* the Malacanang Palace in Manila. She studied economics at university in Washington D.C. where she was a *classmate / student* of former US President Bill Clinton. She returned to the Philippines and *married / marriage* her childhood sweetheart. They had three children and then Gloria returned to her *students / studies* to get her Master's degree and Ph.D.

In 1987, she joined the government *as / was* Assistant Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry. She entered *political / politics* in 1992 and was *elected / erected* as Senator in the national elections. She wrote or sponsored 55 laws including anti-sexual harassment and indigenous people's rights laws. She became vice president in 1998 but quit in 2000 because of accusations *of / with* corruption against President Estrada.

Arroyo became Philippine president in January 2001, on the same day that US President George W. Bush *assumed / resumed* office in the USA. Arroyo outlined her *eyesight / vision* of "building a strong republic". She won the 2004 election by more than a million votes over her nearest *trivial / rival*. She has been praised for making "tough decisions" but is constantly *dogged / doggy* by allegations of corruption.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. born into a llcatpioi family
2. during her enegtae years
3. survived many stetapmt to remove her from office
4. She is tnlfeu in English, Tagalog and Spanish

Paragraph 2

5. The family odvme into the Malacanang Palace
6. she was a cmassealt of former US President Bill Clinton
7. married her childhood etsatherwe
8. Gloria ernrdute to her studies

Paragraph 3

9. She edrntee politics in 1992
10. the national letosecin
11. anti-lseuxa harassment
12. accusations of tcpruooirn

Paragraph 4

13. George W. Bush amduses office
14. outlined her osviin of "building a strong republic"
15. her nearest vlria
16. making "guhut decisions"

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () In 1987, she joined the government as Assistant Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry. She entered
- () Arroyo's father became president when she was 14. The family moved into the Malacañang Palace in
- () politics in 1992 and was elected as Senator in the national elections. She wrote or sponsored 55 laws including
- () in January 2001, on the same day that US President George W. Bush assumed office in the USA. Arroyo outlined her
- () vision of "building a strong republic". She won the 2004 election by more than a million votes over her nearest
- () Manila. She studied economics at university in Washington D.C. where she was a classmate of
- (**1**) Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was born into a political family in 1947. Her father was president of the Philippines during her
- () teenage years. She is the fourteenth Philippine president and the country's second female
- () sweetheart. They had three children and then Gloria returned to her studies to get her Master's degree and Ph.D.
- () president. She has governed her country during very stormy times and has survived many
- () rival. She has been praised for making "tough decisions" but is constantly dogged by allegations of corruption.
- () anti-sexual harassment and indigenous people's rights laws. She became vice president in 1998 but quit
- () US President Bill Clinton. She returned to the Philippines and married her childhood
- () in 2000 because of accusations of corruption against President Estrada. Arroyo became Philippine president
- () attempts to remove her from office. She is fluent in English, Tagalog and Spanish.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. in into 1947 a Arroyo political was family born

2. country She during has very governed stormy her times

3. from her remove to attempts many survived office

4. Arroyo's 14 was she when president became father

5. a Bill classmate Clinton of she US was President

6. as entered 1992 elected She in was Senator politics and

7. 1998 in became in quit She president but 2000 vice

8. of Arroyo building outlined a her strong vision republic

9. 2004 election by more than a million votes She won the

10. She decisions tough making for praised been has

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Gloria Arroyo?
2. Would you like to meet Gloria Arroyo?
3. What would you like to know about Gloria Arroyo and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your questions):

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Gloria Arroyo?
2. What questions would you like to ask Gloria Arroyo?
3. What would her answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

THE GLORIA ARROYO SURVEY:

Write five questions about Gloria Arroyo in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITING:

Write about Gloria Arroyo for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Gloria Arroyo. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. GLORIA ARROYO POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Gloria Arroyo. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Gloria Arroyo. Include an imaginary interview with her. Write about what she does every day and what she thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Gloria Arroyo. Ask her three questions about her life. Give her three suggestions on what she should do in her future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Gloria Arroyo expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 7. accusations of | g. corruption |
| 8. Arroyo outlined | h. her vision |
| 9. She has been praised | i. for making "tough decisions" |
| 10. constantly dogged | j. by allegations of corruption |

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.