

First Assignment Solution

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The first thing to notice about this puzzle is that there are 8 women's names and each is missing a letter. If you take the missing letter from each name, it spells PET NAMES.

Next, you may recognize that each of these names is that of a former First Lady of the United States. Putting that together with the first clue, you should look for former presidential pets. A good site for looking up this information is <http://www.presidentialpets.com>

Only one pet fits the pattern for each President.

Patricia Nixon	<u> </u> <u>K</u> <u> </u> <u>I</u> <u> </u> <u>N</u> <u> </u> <u>G</u> <u> </u> <u> </u> <u>T</u> <u> </u> <u>I</u> <u> </u> <u>M</u> <u> </u> <u>A</u> <u> </u> <u>H</u> <u> </u> <u>O</u> <u> </u> <u>E</u>
Elizabeth V. Truman	<u> </u> <u>F</u> <u> </u> <u>E</u> <u> </u> <u>L</u> <u> </u> <u>L</u> <u> </u> <u>E</u> <u> </u> <u>R</u>
Lucretia Garfield	<u> </u> <u>V</u> <u> </u> <u>E</u> <u> </u> <u>T</u> <u> </u> <u>O</u>
Nancy Reagan	<u> </u> <u>R</u> <u> </u> <u>E</u> <u> </u> <u>X</u>
Hillary Clinton	<u> </u> <u>B</u> <u> </u> <u>U</u> <u> </u> <u>D</u> <u> </u> <u>D</u> <u> </u> <u>Y</u>
Martha D. Washington	<u> </u> <u>D</u> <u> </u> <u>R</u> <u> </u> <u>U</u> <u> </u> <u>N</u> <u> </u> <u>K</u> <u> </u> <u>A</u> <u> </u> <u>R</u> <u> </u> <u>D</u>
Jacqueline Kennedy	<u> </u> <u>T</u> <u> </u> <u>O</u> <u> </u> <u>M</u> <u> </u> <u> </u> <u>K</u> <u> </u> <u>I</u> <u> </u> <u>T</u> <u> </u> <u>T</u> <u> </u> <u>E</u> <u> </u> <u>N</u>
Rosalynn Carter	<u> </u> <u>G</u> <u> </u> <u>R</u> <u> </u> <u>I</u> <u> </u> <u>T</u> <u> </u> <u>S</u>

The starred (★) letters spell G FORD DOG. President Gerald Ford's Golden Retriever was **LIBERTY**.