



Let me  
introduce you  
to Ulysses S.  
Grant.....

1. [Watch the video on Ulysses S. Grant](#)

**2. Ulysses S. Grant is not his real name**

President Grant's real name was Hiram Ulysses Grant. At the age of 17, he secured a nomination to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point through his Congressman, Thomas Hamer. Apparently confused with Grant's mother's maiden name of Simpson, Hamer mistakenly nominated him as Ulysses S. Grant. The academy would not accept any name other than what was on the nomination form so Grant adopted the new name as his own. Contrary to what some may believe, the S. does not stand for anything at all.

3. If you could change your name....what would you change it to? Why?  
Does your name say anything about your character?