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1. When did the object crash?

June 17, 1948

July 4, 1950

January 10, 1964

July 8, 1947

2. Where did the object crash?

at an airport

in a desert

on a ranch

on a military base

3. Why do some believe the US government denied the object was a UFO?

to avoid panic

to avoid embarrassment

to prevent an alien invasion

to protect its military

4. What do some believe was the top-secret military project?

nuclear weapons

laser rays

spaceships

weather satellites

5. In what year did the US Air Force release a report about the Roswell incident?

1968

2007

1994

1982

6. What does the lecturer say about the incident?

Books proved it was a UFO.

Movies say it was not a UFO.

The whole incident is just a story.

The truth is uncertain.

Discuss these questions with a friend or classmate.

1. What information in the lecture did you find the most interesting? Why?
2. Do you believe the US government found aliens at Roswell?
3. What are the advantages / disadvantages of contacting intelligent aliens?
4. Do you think there may be alien life somewhere in the universe? Why? / Why not?
5. Do you think flying saucers exist? Why? / Why not?
6. What three questions would you like to ask an alien?

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Audio Script

In the summer of 1947, a mysterious incident in Roswell New Mexico captured the attention of the world. While many have attempted to uncover the truth behind the events of that summer, the official story remains shrouded in secrecy and speculation. In this lecture, we will explore the alleged Roswell cover-up, and the various theories surrounding it.

On July 8, 1947, an object was said to have crashed on a ranch in Roswell New Mexico. The following day, the United States military, announced that the object was a weather balloon, and the story soon faded from public attention. For decades, conspiracy theorists have maintained that the official story was a cover-up. Here are three of the most popular theories, surrounding the incident.

Theory #1: The object was a UFO, and the US government covered it up.

Those who believe this theory argue that the US government is hiding the truth about the existence of extraterrestrial life. They believe that the object that crashed in Roswell was in fact a spacecraft from another planet and that the US military covered it up to avoid a panic. Some have even suggested that the US government recovered extraterrestrial bodies from the crash site.

Theory #2: The object was a top-secret military project.

Some believe that the object that crashed in Roswell was a top-secret military project, possibly related to the development of nuclear weapons. According to this theory, the US government covered it up to protect their military secrets.

Theory #3: The object was a weather balloon but the government covered it up to avoid embarrassment. Some argue that the object that crashed in Roswell was in fact a weather balloon as the US military initially claimed.

Despite numerous investigations and eyewitness testimonies over the years, the truth behind the Roswell incident remains a mystery. Some have even suggested that the US government has actively suppressed information and discredited witnesses to maintain the official story.

In 1994, the US Air Force released a report, that concluded that the object was a top-secret balloon used for monitoring nuclear weapons tests. This report, however, has not satisfied those who believe in the UFO cover-up.

The Roswell incident has become one of the most famous and enduring UFO legends of all time. While the truth may never be known, it continues to capture the imaginations of people around the world. Regardless of whether the official story is a cover-up or not, the Roswell incident has become an international cultural phenomenon, inspiring books, movies, and even an annual festival in Roswell.

ANSWER KEY

1. July 8, 1947
2. on a ranch
3. to avoid panic
4. nuclear weapons
5. 1994
6. The truth is uncertain.