

Unit 3: The 1980's: American Conservatism

Reagan's Conservatism	Social Concerns	Reagan's Foreign Policy	The End of the Cold War	Persian Gulf War
Chapter 33:1,2 (1036-1045)	Chapter 33:3 (1045-1051)	Chapter 33:4 (1054-1061)	Chapter 33:4 (1054-1061)	Chapter 33:4 (1054-1061)
Reagan: Biography	AIDS: Global Crisis	Reagan & the Cold War	Solidarity: Polish Revolution	US Support of Dictators
Reaganomics: Trickle Down	ERA: Success or Defeat?	Iran Contra Affair	"Tear down this wall!"	Oil and Foreign Policy
Evangelicalism, TV & Politics	Race Issues in the 1980's	Star Wars: SDI	Tiananmen Sq. Massacre	Invasion & Alliance
Defense Spending & Cuts	Education, Drugs, Crime	Iran and Iraq War	Russia: People's Revolution	Saudi Arabian Bases
Republican Deregulation	Urban Crisis	Gorbachev's USSR	Lessons Learned?	Consequences
Essential Question	Essential Question	Essential Question	Essential Question	Essential Question
What impact does conservative political philosophy have on your life?	How does politics and economics influence people's lives?	In the context of presidential power, do the ends justify the means?	What lessons did we learn from the Cold War?	How was the Persian Gulf War a signal of a 'new world order'?

Identification Terms				
Reaganomics	AIDS/IHIV	Mikhail Gorbachev	Deng Xiaoping	General Schwarzkopf
Supply-side economics	ERA	Saddam Hussein	Mao Zedong	Sec. of Def. Dick Cheney
EPA	Douglas Wilder	Ayatollah Hommeni	Tiananmen Square Massacre	Operation Desert Storm
Roe v. Wade	Jesse Jackson	Lt. Colonel Oliver North	Boris Yeltsin	Sunni/Shiite/Kurd
Sandra Day O'Connor	Dr. Antonia Novello	Sandinistas	Nuclear Weapons	Mecca
Deregulation	Pay Equity	ICBM's	Lech Walesa	Wahabi Schools
Moral Majority	Affirmative Action	INF Treaty	Berlin Wall	General Colin Powell

Website Reviews	
1.	http://www.time.com/time/time100/leaders/profile/gorbachev.html Time's biography of Mikhail Gorbachev, the USSR's great reformer.
2.	http://www.reaganlibrary.com/ The official site for President Ronald Reagan's library and archives (1980-1988) containing many documents.
3.	http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB210/index.htm The story of the Iran-Contra Scandal and the cover-up, 20 years later.
4.	http://www.liketotally80s.com/ This website is a comprehensive collection of 1980's memories, facts, statistics, and more.
5.	http://www.rubiks.com/ This site contains one of the most popular fads and games from the 1980's. Hundreds of millions were sold.
6.	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/tankman/ This documentary is the story of the unknown man who defied Chinese tanks in 1989.
7.	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/aids/ This documentary is the history of 25 years of the AIDS/HIV epidemic affecting millions.
8.	http://www.oyez.org/justices/sandra_day_oconnor The official biography of the 1st woman to sit on the Supreme Court, Sandra Day O'Connor.
9.	http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/11031097/ and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mr1TMyxArXk on the space shuttle Challenger explosion.
10.	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/gulf/ A complete story regarding the Persian Gulf War in 1991 against Saddam Hussein.

RAFTS Assignments	
1.	You are CIA Director Bill Casey. In a conversation with President Reagan, explain why the US should support the Mujahedeen.
2.	You are the daughter of Geraldine Ferraro. Write your college thesis on your mother's historic role in the 1984 presidential election.
3.	You are Lt. Colonel Oliver North. Before a joint session of Congress, explain your motivation and role in the Iran-Contra scandal.
4.	You are the commander of NORAD. Brief your new deputy commander on the protocols for a full nuclear launch sequence.
5.	You are Nancy Reagan. Speaking with Rasia Gorbachev, describe your husbands' plans for a possible end to the Cold War.
6.	You are pop star Michael Jackson's architect. Explain to Jackson your design for the blueprints of the Neverland Ranch in California.
7.	You are Mikhail Gorbachev. In a closed door session of the Soviet Politburo, explain why glasnost and perestroika are needed now.
8.	You are an American businessman in South Africa. Explain to the CEO's of Coca Cola and IBM why they must stop all business in SA.
9.	You are Saddam Hussein. In a private session with American military officials, determine the conditions of your alliance with the US.
10.	You are astronaut Sally Ride. At an awards dinner, explain how your childhood and education prepared you to be a NASA astronaut.

Short Essay Questions	
1.	Discuss and debate Gorbachev's domestic and Reagan's foreign policy in effectively ending communism in Eastern Europe and the USSR.
2.	Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative would protect the US from nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union. Support or oppose.
3.	Explain how the economic theories behind Reagan's policies of reducing inflation, taxes and social spending. Were they effective?
4.	Describe the US foreign policy goals and methods within Central and Latin America from 1980-1992 from an indigenous perspective.
5.	Evaluate the nuclear policy of each administration from Truman to Reagan. Was Reagan consistent or inconsistent regarding his policies?
6.	Describe the Iran-Contra Scandal and assess its historical significance during Reagan's administration and the present day.
7.	How did Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union move from communist regime to democratic ones? What patterns are evident?
8.	From the evidence available, determine the American political objectives and military tactics of the Persian Gulf War. Did it succeed?
9.	Provide ten examples of the historic impact of personal computers on American society. Include political, economic and social effects.
10.	To what extent did the LA Riots create or reflect existing racial tensions? How was the crisis addressed? How is it remembered today?