

1970s Outline

- I. Richard Milhous Nixon (1969-1974) –Republican
 - A. Born / Buried: Yorba Linda, California –College (Whittier and Duke Law) and WWII
 - B. Machiavellian Political Career –House, Senate, and VP (Checkers)
 - C. Speeches -“Bring Us Together” and the “Great Silent Majority”
 - D. Nixon’s Personality –paranoid, driven, and introverted
 - E. President Nixon Fun Facts –bowling, family, and 24% approval

- II. The Foreign Policy of Richard Nixon
 - A. Dr. Henry Kissinger –NSA (1969-1974) and Secretary of State (1973-1977)
 - B. Nixon on and the Vietnam War: Campaign Promise: “Peace with Honor”
 - 1. Troop Withdrawal –first troop withdrawal July 8, 1969 –first phase of a 14 phase withdrawal
 - 2. Secretly invaded Cambodia (1970) and Laos (1971)
 - 3. The Credibility Gap Widened
 - A. Pentagon Papers (1971) –Daniel Ellsberg
 - B. My Lai Massacre (1968) -504 civilians murdered -Lt. William Calley
 - 4. Peace Negotiations Not Going Well –Nixon ordered bombings Operations Linebacker 1 & 2
 - 5. Ceasefire signed (January 27, 1973) –Nixon finally delivered on his promise to end the war
 - 6. War Powers Act (1973) –limited the President’s ability to conduct war
 - C. Moon Landing (July 20, 1969) –Apollo 11 -Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins
 - D. Détente, Triangular Diplomacy, and Ping Pong
 - 1. Visited People’s Republic of China –February 21-28, 1972 –Mao Zedong (1893-1976)
 - 2. Visited Soviet Union –May 22 – May 30, 1972 –Leonid Brezhnev (1964-82)
 - A. SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks) Treaty
 - 3. Vietnam –Cease-fire –January 27, 1973
 - E. Yom Kippur War (1973 – 1975) –Egypt & Syria vs. Israel
 - 1. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

- III. Nixon: Domestic Policy and its “E-Challenges”
 - A. Economic Crisis –stagflation and its causes
 - 1. New Economic Policy –90 freeze on prices and wages
 - B. Energy Crisis
 - 1. Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act
 - 2. Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act
 - C. Environmental Concerns -Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - D. Equality - Title IX –cannot discriminate based on gender
 - E. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
 - F. Ended Draft –(1973)
 - G. Other Non-Presidential Actions
 - 1. 26th Amendment (1971) –voting age lowered to 18
 - 2. Roe vs. Wade (1973) –legalized abortion in the first term of a pregnancy

- IV. The Watergate Scandal
 - A. CREEP (Committee to Re-Elect the President) and the “plumbers”
 - B. The break-in -June 17, 1972
 - C. Nixon began the cover-up -June 23, 1972
 - D. Washington Post Reporters –Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein –Deep Throat
 - E. Too many Nixon aides in trouble
 - F. The Nixon Tapes, Rose Mary Woods, and the US vs Richard M. Nixon
 - G. August 9, 1974 –Nixon resigned, Gerald Ford –38th President
 - H. W. Mark Felt “Deep Throat” -May 31, 2005
 - I. Results of Watergate –Negative and Positive

- V. Gerald Rudolph Ford (1974-1977) –Republican
 - A. Born –Leslie Lynch King, Jr. Omaha, NB
 - B. Perception vs Reality: Clumsy, stupid, and unqualified?
 - 1. Athletic (Michigan football) and Smart (Michigan and Yale)
 - 2. Qualified (WWII) and (House of Representatives 1949-73 & Vice-President 1973)
 - C. President Ford Fun Facts –missteps, a “star,” Chevy Chase and SNL

- VI. Presidency of Gerald Ford –overall theme of presidency -Failure
 - A. Domestic Policy
 - 1. Pardoned Nixon –approval rating fell from 72% to 49%
 - 2. Recession vs. Whip Inflation Now (WIN)
 - 3. Veto Happy
 - B. Assassination Attempts –September 5 (Sacramento) and 22 (San Francisco) 1975
 - C. Foreign Policy –revive commander-in-chief and continue détente
 - 1. Vietnam –revive commander-in-chief
 - A. Ho Chi Minh Offensive -\$722 million denied
 - B. Operation Frequent Wind -Fall of Saigon April 30, 1975
 - 2. Mayaquez –captured by Cambodia May 13, 1975 –41 killed to rescue 39 –May 15, 1975
 - 3. Soviet Union –continue détente
 - A. SALT II –did not pass
 - B. Helsinki Agreements (1975) –WWII borders vs. Soviet emigration
 - C. Peace with Strength –no longer détente
 - 4. Yom Kippur War –Kissinger negotiated the end –September 1, 1975
 - D. Results and Evaluation of the Presidency of Gerald Ford

- VII. 1970s Culture
 - A. Movies –Rocky, Superman, Star Wars, The Godfather, The Exorcist, and Jaws
 - B. Television –All in the Family, Sesame Street, SNL, and MASH
 - C. Music
 - 1. Disco –Village People –YMCA
 - 2. Rock Bands –KISS, Led Zepplin, Pink Floyd, the Doors, and Queen
 - 3. Rock ‘n’ Roll –Elton John
 - D. Fads and Toys –Atari, Rubik’s Cube, Lava Lamps, Mood Rings, Sea Monkeys, and Pet Rocks
 - E. Sports
 - 1. Olympics -1980 Olympic Hockey team –“The Miracle on Ice”
 - 2. Pittsburgh –The City of Champions
 - A. Pittsburgh Pirates -2 time World Series Champions
 - 1. 1971 World Series –The Great Roberto Clemente –Died December 31, 1972
 - 2. 1979 World Series –Willie “Pops” Stargell and “We are family”
 - B. Pittsburgh Steelers –Terry Bradshaw and others -4 Super Bowls
 - C. University of Pittsburgh Panthers -1976 National Champions –Tony Dorsett

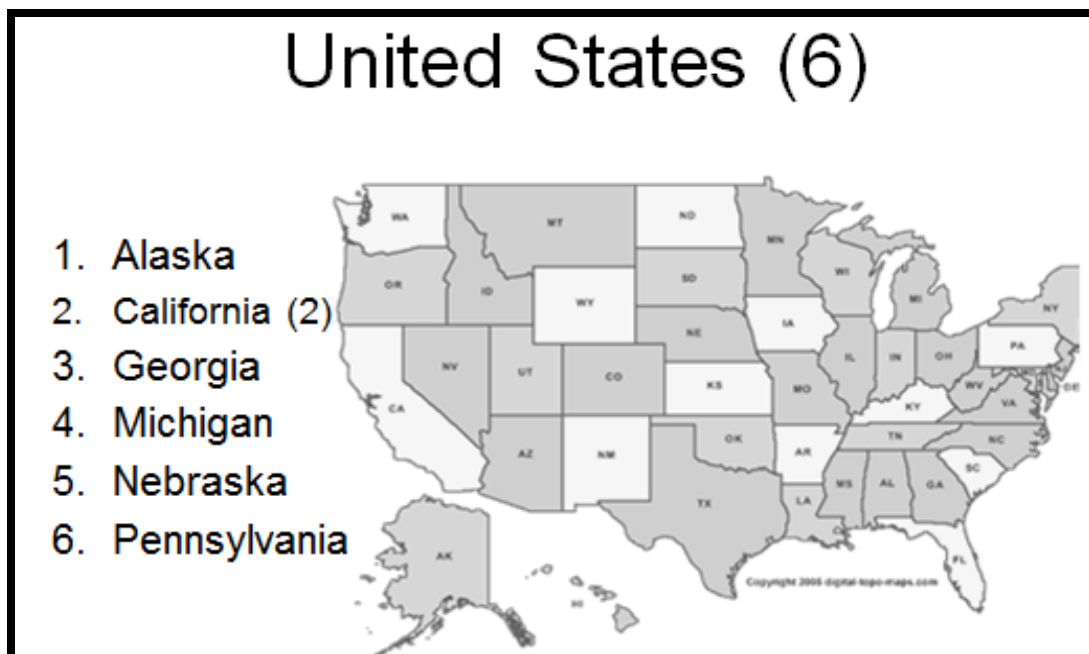
- VIII. James Earl Carter (1977-1981) –Democrat
 - A. Born Plains, Georgia –Peanut Farmer and Naval Academy
 - B. Political Career –GA State Senator –1963-67, GA Governor (1971-75)
 - C. Presidency –honesty, not connected with Watergate, and “Call me Jimmy”
 - D. Post Presidency –Nobel Peace Prize, Habitat for Humanity, and author
 - E. President Carter Fun Facts –Billy, UFOs, and rabbits

- IX. Domestic Policy of President Carter –open and honest
 - A. Economic Problem: Recession –inflation 13.3% -limited options
 - B. Energy Crisis –oil shortage –declared a “moral equivalent of war”
 - 1. Department of Energy –develop a national energy policy
 - 2. National Energy Act of 1978 –funded alternative sources of energy research
 - C. Presidential Address –America suffering from “crisis of confidence –the malaise speech
 - D. Education –created Department of Education
 - E. Other Domestic Events During Carter’s Presidency
 - 1. Three Mile Island Accident –March 28, 1979
 - 2. John Lennon killed –December 8, 1980

- X. Foreign Policy of President Carter
 - A. Goal of Foreign Policy –use American power to improve human rights worldwide
 - B. South Africa –tried to end Apartheid and failed
 - C. Panama Canal Treaties (1978) –improved relations but “gave away the Canal”
 - D. Recognition of the People’s Republic of China (1979) –but severed relations with Taiwan
 - E. Camp David Accords (1979) –between Egypt and Israel –Israeli recognition
 - F. Soviet invasion of Afghanistan –December 25, 1979
 - 1. Carter reaction –hot line, withdrew SALT II, Olympic Boycott, and the Carter Doctrine
 - G. Iran-Hostage Crisis –November 4, 1979 – January 20, 1981 –444 days
 - 1. Power Struggle: Shah Reza Pahlavi vs. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini
 - 2. November 4, 1979 –Hostages taken in Tehran
 - 3. Operation Eagle Claw -April 24, 1980 –failed US rescue mission
 - 4. January 20, 1981 –Hostages are freed –33 minutes in Ronald Reagan’s presidency
 - H. “Empire Shock: -Evaluation of the Foreign Policy of Jimmy Carter

- XI. Summary of the 1970s
 - A. Map Questions –United States (6)

- Assignments
- 1. Homework #6 (15): 1970s
 - 2. Test #5 (60): 1970s



Section 1: Prompt #1
(Everyone must complete part of this section)

Prompt #1: Lessons or morals from the 1970s President (5 points)

- * State **2 lessons or morals** that you have learned from a 1970s American President (Nixon, Ford, and Carter).
 - * State the historical reference that applies to the lesson (i.e. Watergate or Iran-Hostage Crisis). Be sure to explain how that historical lesson or moral applies to the historical example.
 - * In at least 2 sentences, **fully describe a personal situation** where you have utilized or could have utilized that particular Nixon lesson or moral in your everyday life.
 - * **A lesson or moral, a historical example, and a personal situation must be written for each lesson or moral.**
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Section 2

Prompt #2: Nixon Post Resignation Speech: To confess or not to confess that is the question (5 points)

Pretend President Nixon will address the nation on television with a prepared speech two weeks after his resignation. Choose to decide whether Nixon will come clean and admit his involvement or choose to take another route. Feel free to address his motives, people involved, whether he is sorry, etc.

- * The transcript for the speech must be at least 10 sentences and must include at least 5 facts.

Prompt #3: Date or Be a Friend of a 1970s president. (5 points)

- * If you to date or a be a friend in high school of a 1970s American president, before they were elected, who would it be?
- * Provide at least **5 specific reasons** to support your opinion.

Prompt #4: Relative-President Word Association (5 points)

Interview a relative (parent, uncle, etc.) and ask them to say the first thing that comes to mind when you say **5 events/people/things** from the 1970s.

- * For each word, write the word and then record what your parents said in at least 2 sentences.
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Activity #1: 1970s Hero Movie Poster (5 points)

Many of the popular 1970s movies had heroes. It appeared as though Americans were trying to escape tough times by going to the movies.

- * Create a colorful movie poster and write 5 sentences explaining the reasoning behind the poster.
- * The assignment maybe completed on an 8.5 by 11 sheet of paper or a poster.
- * **Be sure it is 5 points worth of work.**

Activity #2: Children's Story Book: Create a children's story book for any 70s events. (5 points)

You may write a story about anything in the 70s, i.e. a president's early life, Watergate, etc.

- * Be sure it has at least 10 facts and at least 3 pages of pictures.
 - * You may make this worth more points if you utilize more facts and more pages. Check with me to see how.
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Reminder

You may create your own question to answer or project to design. It must be 5 points of work and it must be cleared by the teacher in advance.
