

1980s (1981 – 1993): The Age of Republicanism –Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush

- I. Ronald Wilson Reagan (1981-1989) –Republican
 - A. Born –Tampico, Illinois and Eureka College (Illinois)
 - B. Acting Career -54 films “The Gipper” and General Electric TV host
 - C. Political Career –Governor of CA (1967-75)
 - D. President -The Great Communicator and the Teflon President
 1. Assassination Attempt (March 30, 1981) –John Hinckley, Jr.
 2. Astrology, Age and Health, Rest, and Jellybeans
 - E. Post Presidency (Alzheimer’s Disease) and Death (2004)

- II. Presidency of Ronald Reagan –“The Reagan Revolution” –laissez-faire government
 - A. First Term: Domestic Policy
 1. Economic Policy: Reaganomics
 - A. Tax Cuts -25% tax cut
 - B. Military Buildup (nearly doubled defense spending) -Strategic Defense Initiative (“Star Wars”)
 2. Other Reagan Domestic Actions
 - A. Sandra Day O’Connor –first woman appointed to Supreme Court (1981)
 - B. Air Traffic Controller’s strike –deadline of 48 hours –fired 11,359 (Aug 5, 1981)
 - B. First Term: Foreign Policy
 1. Middle East
 - A. Iran-Hostage Crisis (January 20, 1981) –hostages freed after 444 days
 - B. Lebanon –Attacks (April 18, 1983 and October 23, 1983), and Withdraw (1984)
 - C. Libya – Muammar Gaddafi
 1. Gulf of Sidra (August 5, 1986) –US shot down 2 Libyan planes
 2. West Berlin bombing (April 5, 1986) -3 killed, over 200 wounded
 3. Operation El Dorado Canyon (April 15, 1986) -US bombing
 4. Pan Am Flight 103 (December 21, 1988) –Lockerbie, Scotland -270 killed
 2. American-Soviet Relations –tensions heighten –“The Evil Empire”
 - A. Reagan Doctrine (1985) –will support anti-communist freedom fighters
 - B. South Korean Airliner KAL 007 –September 1, 1983 -269 killed (61 Americans)
 - C. Grenada Invasion –Operation Urgent Fury -October 25, 1983
 - D. Nuclear Weapons to West Germany and England
 - E. Soviets Boycott 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles
 - C. 1984 Election –Reagan-Herby soundly defeated Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro
 - D. Second Term: Foreign Policy
 1. American-Soviet Relations –The Cold War Begins to Thaw –détente between US and USSR
 - A. Mikhail Gorbachev –leader of Soviet Union (1985-1991)
 - B. Peace Summits: Geneva (1985) and Reykjavik (1986)
 - C. “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!” –June 12, 1987 –Reagan Legacy
 - D. American visit (1987)
 1. Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (1987) –cut INF missiles and Afghanistan withdrawal
 - E. Moscow visit (1988)
 - E. Second Term: Domestic Policy
 1. Economic Concerns
 - A. Savings and Loan Bailout –would cost \$166 billion
 - B. Stock Market Crash –October 19, 1987 -\$1 trillion in stock losses
 - C. National Debt –increased to \$3.5 trillion

F. Second Term: Iran-Contra Scandal

A. Contra (Nicaragua)

1. Nicaragua controlled by communist Sandinista government (1979) = bad guys
2. Reagan hated Sandinista government and support rebel Contras = good guys
3. Boland Amendment (1982) –outlawed US support of Contras
4. Oliver North to the case to continue support of the Contras

B. Iran (Middle East)

1. American hostages being held by Iranian group (Hezbollah) in Beirut, Lebanon
2. US sold missiles to Israel; Israel then sold the missiles to Iran
3. Iran sent money to a Swiss bank account; transferred money to the Contras in Nicaragua

C. Reagan –being the “Teflon President” was able to avoid taking the blame

G. Other Domestic Events During the Reagan Presidency

1. War on Drugs –Nancy “Just Say No”
2. AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) –recognized by June 5, 1981 –CDC
 - A. Death of Rock Hudson –October 2, 1985
3. IBM PC released –August 12, 1981
4. Space Shuttle Challenger –January 28, 1986

H. Results and Evaluation of the Presidency of Ronald Reagan

III. 1980s Culture -I Love the 80s

A. Movies –Top Actor –Harrison Ford

1. Adventure and Action –Star Wars Again, E.T., Raiders of the Lost Ark, and Platoon
2. 80s Romcoms –The Breakfast Club, Ferris Bueller’s Day Off, and Sixteen Candles

B. Television -Dallas, The Cosby Show, CNN, MTV, and The Oprah Winfrey

C. Music –Bruce Springsteen, Madonna, and Michael Jackson

D. Toys

1. My Little Pony, Care Bears, Teddy Ruxpin, Cabbage Patch Kids, and Strawberry Shortcake
2. Pac-Man, Transformers, G.I. Joe, skateboarding (Tony Hawk), and Frogger
3. Sports -Pete Rose –Baseball –all-time hit leader and banned for gambling

IV. George Herbert Walker Bush (1989-1993) –Republican

A. Born –Milton, Massachusetts –WWII, Yale, and Oil

B. Incredible political resume –House, UN, Chairman, China, CIA, and VP

C. Presidency –“Read my lips,” approval ratings, and fun facts

V. Presidency of George H. W. Bush

A. Foreign Policy -“Wait and See”

1. 1989 –The Year of Miracles

A. China –June 3-4 –Tiananmen Square

B. Germany –The Fall of the Berlin Wall (November 9, 1989)

C. Herby’s Pause

2. Continued “Thaw” in the Cold War –détente between Gorby and Herby

A. Conventional Forces in Europe (1990) –NATO-Warsaw forces cut to the same levels

B. START 1 (1991) and START II (1993) –US-USSR cut nuclear weapons

C. Soviet coup -August 18-21, 1991

D. Commonwealth of Independent States (12/8/91)–Russian Republic –Boris Yeltsin

E. December 25, 1991 –End of the Soviet Union

3. Panama –General Manuel Noriega –Operation Just Cause -December 20, 1989

4. Persian Gulf War –January 17 – February 27, 1991
 - A. Iran-Iraq War (1980 – 1988) –US aided Iraq
 - B. August 2, 1990 –Iraq invaded Kuwait
 - C. Operation Desert Shield (up to January 15, 1991) –military buildup
 - D. Operation Desert Storm (January 17, 1991) –UN attack -General Norman Schwarzkopf
 1. Powell Doctrine –overwhelming force
 2. Highway of Death –February 26 – 27 –Kuwait City, Kuwait to Basra, Iraq
 - E. Results of the Persian Gulf War
 1. United States
 - A. Victory –“kicked the Vietnam Syndrome”
 - B. Herby’s popularity -89%
 - C. Cost –Human (148 deaths) and Economic (\$7 billion)
 - D. Oil prices dropped
 2. United Nations –stopped an international aggressor –again
 3. Iraq: Lost: withdrew from Kuwait and military crushed
 - A. UN Resolution 687 –Saddam’s WMD were limited
 - B. No Fly Zones –Saddam’s control was limited
 - C. Oil for Food Program –Saddam’s income was limited
- B. Domestic Policy
 1. Recession of 1990
 - A. Causes
 1. Reagan’s tax cut -25%
 2. Reagan’s defense spending -doubled
 3. Savings and Loan Scandal -\$166 billion
 4. Stock Market Crash 1987 -\$1 trillion in stocks lost
 5. National Debt -\$4 trillion national debt
 6. Negative Trade Balance (1989: -\$111 Billion)
 2. Economic Solution: Raised Taxes –went against campaign promise
 - C. Other Herby Legislation
 1. Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) -prohibits discrimination based on disability.
 2. Clean Air Act (1990) –addressed environmental threats and increased enforcement
 - D. Other Domestic Events During the Herby Presidency
 1. Exxon Valdez –March 29, 1989 -11 million gallons of oil spilled
 2. Rodney King verdict and LA Riots (4/29-5/4/1992) -53 killed & over \$1 billion in damages
 - E. Results and Evaluation of the Presidency of George H.W. Bush

VI. Summary of 1981 – 1993

- A. Map Questions –United States (6) and Middle East (5)

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| Assignments | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading Quiz #4 (10): Reagan and Herby (pages 639-644) 2. Homework #6 (15): 1980s (<u>Label: HW6: 1980s</u>) 3. Test #3 (60): 1980s |
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Homework #7: 1980s (15 points)
Complete Section #1 and prompts or projects from section #2

Section 1: Activity #1 (5 points)
(Everyone must complete part of this section)

Activity #1: Find 2 political cartoons, one for Ronald Reagan and one for George H. W. Bush (5 points)

For each cartoon: State the meaning of the political cartoon in 3-5 sentences.

-Hint #1: Make sure you understand the message of the cartoon. Do not add information that is not there

-Hint #2: Be sure the cartoon is from Herby and not GW. Check the date on the cartoon.

Format: Place both cartoons on one page. Minimize to fit the cartoon and explanation properly.

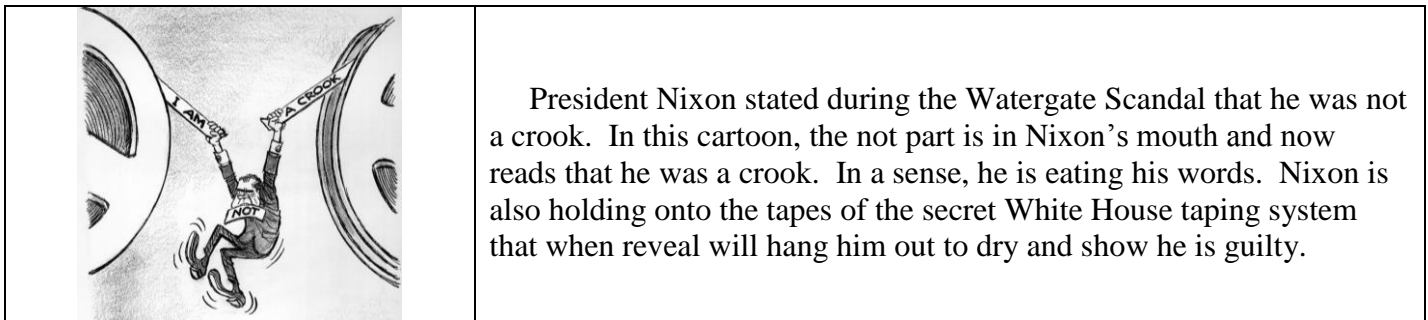
-All cartoons must be submitted on Google Docs.

You may draw 1 or both of your own political cartoons.

-Follow the same criteria as stated above.

-The cartoon can be completed freehand or electronically.

Example:



Section 2

Prompt #1: Letter from President Reagan to President Bush (5 points)

A presidential tradition is to write a letter to the incoming president and leave it on the desk in the Oval Office with the number of the new president on it. Pretend you are President Reagan and you are writing a letter to President Bush. Include at least 2 pieces of advice for the incoming President Bush with at least 5 facts for the entire letter.

* Write at least 2 pieces of advice with at least 5 facts for 5 points.

* If you write 2 pieces of advice with at least 5 facts, you must complete 2 other activities.

Prompt #2: Word Association (5 points)

President Reagan or President Bush or both have agreed to a word association session. State 5 words to either President. Have the President respond with a word, then explain in 2-3 sentences why the President responded the way he did. Incorporate at least 5 historical facts or references in your explanations.

* Write at least 5 word associations with at least 5 facts for 5 points.

* If you write 5 word associations with at least 5 facts, you must complete 2 other activities.

Prompt #3: 1980s Cheesy Romantic Comedy movie (5 points)

Many of the popular 1980s movies were romantic comedies where everything worked out in the end.

* Create a movie title, describe the plot, and list the 80s stars in it. Write at least 10 sentences to describe the 80s cheesy romantic comedy. (5 points)

* If you write this movie prompt, you must complete 2 other activities.

Prompt #4: Design your own Ferris Bueller Day Off (5 points)

Ferris Bueller had an incredible day off. Now it is your turn.

* Describe 5 activities that you would complete if you “took the day off from school.” Be sure to explain each activity and why you would do it in a minimum of 3-4 sentences.

** Students may make a video of their day off for 10 total points

*****Students are not given permission to take the day off from school to complete this assignment.**

Activity #1: President Reagan Memorial (10 or 5 points)

Many people believe President Reagan should be the next President to have a memorial. Design a memorial for President Reagan. Describe in at least 5 sentences a description of the memorial and its location.

* Design a President Reagan Memorial. This may be described in 5 sentences or created artistically (drawing, model, etc.)

* Then, in an additional 5 sentences describe the reasoning, symbolism, and location of the memorial.

If you write:

* 5 sentences describing the memorial and 5 sentences explaining its reasoning, symbolism, and location, you must complete 2 other activities. (5 points)

* If you actually create an artistic interpretation (model, drawing, etc.) and 5 sentences explaining its reasoning, symbolism, and location, you must complete 1 other activity. (10 points)

(Make sure you complete 10 points worth of work and it is done in an artistic fashion.)

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.

United States (6)

1. Alaska
2. California
3. Florida
4. Illinois
5. Massachusetts
6. Texas



Middle East (5)

1. Iran
2. Iraq
3. Kuwait
4. Lebanon
5. Libya

