

## The 2000s and the Age of Terrorism -George W. Bush (2001 – 2009)

- I. George Walker Bush (2001 – 2009) –Republican
  - A. Born in Connecticut but raised in Texas, Ivy League Education, and Businessman Bush
  - B. Pre-Presidential Political Career –Governor of Texas
  - C. Campaign of 2000 (Bush vs. VP Al Gore) –Compassionate Conservative and Florida recount
  - D. President George W. Bush –Legacy –GWOT and Wisms
  - E. GW Fun Facts –MBA, Rangers, the Bushes, Running and Painting, and approval ratings
  
- II. Foreign Policy –Global War on Terror (GWOT)
  - 1. Key Presidential Advisers –VP (Dick Cheney) and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld
  - B. Foreign Policy Guidelines
    - 1. “Peace is earned by strength.” –inaugural address
    - 2. Bush Doctrine –pre-emptive strike
    - 3. “Axis of Evil” –Iran, Iraq, North Korea (1/20/02) –later Cuba, Libya, Syria (5/6/02)
  
- III. September 11, 2001
  - A. World Trade Center Tower (New York, New York)
    - 1. North Tower hit (8:45) and fell (10:28) –American Airlines Flight 11 (Boston, Mass.)
    - 2. South Tower hit (9:03) and fell (9:59) –United Airlines Flight 175 (Boston, Mass.)
    - 3. World Trade Memorial -2,752 killed
  - B. Pentagon (Arlington, Virginia)
    - 1. Hit (9:37) –American Airlines Flight 77 (Dulles, Virginia)
    - 2. Pentagon Memorial -184 killed
  - C. Shanksville, Pennsylvania
    - 1. Crashed (10:06) –United Airlines Flight 93 (Newark, New Jersey)
    - 2. Todd Beamer –“Let’s Roll”
    - 3. Flight 93 Memorial -40 killed
  
- IV. Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) –began October 7, 2001 –led by General Tommy Franks
  - 1. Wanted: Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden
  - 2. GW’s great job: 90% approval
  - 3. Early military successes: captured Kabul (Nov 13, 2001) and KSM (March 1, 2003)
  - 4. Political successes (2004): Constitution passed and elected President Hamid Karzai
  - 5. Work to be done: Afghanistan (2001): 7<sup>th</sup> poorest country in the world
  - 6. GW: Results of Afghan War for GW -578 US deaths and \$172 billion cost
  
- V. Iraq and Saddam Hussein
  - A. Reasons for concern: possible weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and 9/11 ties
    - 1. Weapons inspectors entered Iraq (11/8/02) –United Nations Resolution 1441
    - 2. WMD evidence –NONE
    - 3. September 11<sup>th</sup> ties -NONE
  - B. Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003 – 2011) –US forces led by General Tommy Franks
    - 1. The Air War –“Shock and Awe” –March 19, 2003
    - 2. The Early Ground War –March 20, 2003
      - A. The Plan: The Rumsfeld Doctrine –going in light and fast
      - B. Conventional War Victory –March 19 – May 1, 2003
      - C. The Hussein Family –Uday and Qusay killed (7/22/03) and Saddam captured (12/13/03)
    - 3. Political successes: Constitution passed (2004) and had free elections (2005)

4. Problems in Iraq (2003): All is not well
  - A. Insurgency Grew
  - B. Unguarded Arsenals
  - C. Civil War Worsened
  - D. Abu Gharib Prison Scandal
5. Change in Iraqi Policy
  - A. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates replaced Donald Rumsfeld
  - B. General David Petraeus & The New Way Forward –“The Surge” –added 21,500 troops
  - C. Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) –total withdraw by 2011
6. Results of Iraq War for GW –US -4,327 killed and \$589.3 billion cost

#### VI. Other Foreign Policy Concerns

- A. Libya –Moammar Gadhafi -disarmament (2003) and full diplomatic ties (2006)
- B. North Korea -President Kim Jong II
  1. Axis of Evil (2002) and Nuclear Test (2006)
  2. Disarmament again (2007) and Removed from terrorist watch list (2008)
- C. Iran -Mahmoud Ahmadinejad –restarted a covert nuclear program
- D. The “Roadmap to Peace” –Israel-Palestine peace attempt -unsuccessful
- E. Results of GW’s Foreign Policy

#### VII. The New Millennium –The Culture of the 2000s

- A. Slang words –“My peeps got owned when they had a brain fart.”
- B. Movies
  1. Gladiator and A Beautiful Mind –Russell Crowe
  2. Harry Potter -5 released from 2001-2009
  3. Lord of the Rings (Two Towers and Return of the King)
  4. Stars Wars –Episode II: Attack of the Clones and Episode III: Revenge of the Sith
- C. Television –Survivor, CSI (2), and American Idol (4)
- D. Music –Gnarls Barkley, Eminem, etc.
- E. Toys –electronic toys and internet sites
- F. Sports
  1. Lance Armstrong -7 times Tour de France winner (1999-2005)
  2. Barry Bonds –All-time (762) and single season (73) home run king
  3. Michael Phelps -8 Gold Medals in the 2008 Beijing Olympics

#### VIII. Domestic Policy –wanted to create an “ownership society”

- A. Economic Policy: Major part tax cuts (2) -\$1.35 trillion cut (2001) and \$350 billion (2003)
  1. Causes of the Great Recession (December 2007 – June 2009)
    - A. Tax cuts (2) -\$1.35 trillion cut (2001) and \$350 billion (2003)
    - B. US early budget deficits –(2008) US lost was -\$1.4 trillion
    - C. National debt –reached \$10.6 trillion (2008)
    - D. Credit crisis –excessive use of credit - households were spending 130% of their income
    - E. International Trade Imbalance (2007) –US imported \$711 billion more than it exported
    - F. Rise of Oil Prices –over \$100 a barrel
    - G. Stock Market Decline (2008) –lost \$7 trillion in stock
  2. Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (10/3/08) -\$700 billion (stimulus / bailout)
- B. Protecting America: Security and Safety
  1. Patriot Act (2001) –federal officials have greater authority against terrorism
  2. Created 2 new positions
    - A. Department of Homeland Security (2002)
    - B. National Intelligence (2005)
  3. Illegal Immigration -Wall and additional 6,000 National Guards

- C. Education -No Child Left Behind (2002) –measured student assessments through testing
- D. Older Americans -Medicare Prescription Drug Modernization Act (2003) -\$534 billion act
- E. Republican Moral Platform –Republicans want to protect values and morals
  - 1. Faith Based Initiatives -federally funded social services that reflect Republican values
  - 2. Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act (2003) –person delivering a live fetus cannot kill it
  - 3. First Presidential Veto –Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (2006)
  - 4. Federal Marriage Amendment -failed
- F. Supreme Court Nomination -Chief Justice John Roberts (09/22/05) -17<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice
- G. Other Domestic Events
  - 1. Space Shuttle Columbia (2003) –broke up upon reentry
  - 2. Response to Hurricane Katrina –Aug 23-28, 2005 -1836 K, \$81.2 billion in damages
  - 3. Virginia Tech shooting (April 16, 2007) -Seung-Hui Cho -32 K, 25 W

- IX. Summary and Evaluation of the presidency of George W. Bush
  - A. Map Questions –United States (7) and Middle East (6)

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- Assignments
- 1. Homework #8 (15): GW and the Age of Terrorism (2001 – 2009)
  - 2. Test #8 (60): GW and the Age of Terrorism (2001 – 2009)
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**Section 1: Prompt #1**  
**(Everyone must complete part of this section)**

Prompt #1: GW Words (5 points)

President George W. Bush had a tendency to mispronounce words or even create new ones.

- Create 3 new words or pronunciations that GW would have said or used.
- Define new word or pronunciation.
- Use each new word or pronunciation in a line that GW would have used in a speech.

**\* You may complete Activity #2 instead of doing this prompt.**

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**Section 2: Prompts and Projects**

Prompt #2: Interview: The Bushes (5 points)

The presidency of G.W. is over and he is back with his dad in Texas. You have been granted an exclusive interview with both President George H.W. Bush and President G.W. Bush. Create at least 5 questions that you would ask the former presidents. Then have the presidents answer those questions. Incorporate at least 10 facts during the interview. Be sure to ask tough questions.

- \* Write at least 5 questions that you would ask President George H.W. Bush and President G.W. Bush.
- \* Have the former presidents answer those questions.
- \* Incorporate at least 10 facts during the interview.

Prompt #3: Letter to GW about Iraq (5 points)

Write a letter to President Bush about Iraq toward the end of his presidency. Be sure to provide your opinion of the war, i.e. reasons for entering, battle plans, etc. Incorporate at least 10 historical references or facts in your letter. Be sure to use proper letter format, i.e. Dear President Bush.

- \* State your overall opinion of President's Bush Iraq War policy.
- \* Provide at least 10 historical references or facts.

Prompt #4: Evaluation: No Child Left Behind (5 points)

President Bush passed the No Child Left Behind law to improve education. Do you think this is a good plan? Provide 3 reasons to support your opinion. Then create and describe your own education reform plan? State 2 ways this plan would help improve American education.

- \* State 3 reasons to support your opinion about No Child Left Behind.
- \* Create your own education reform plan
- \* State 2 ways this plan would help improve American education.

Prompt #5: Axis of Evil (5 points)

President Bush created an Axis of Evil list of countries during this presidency. Now it is your turn to create 2 lists. First, create a list of 3 countries that would be on an Axis of Evil list in today's world and provide 1 reason for each country to state why they are on the modern day Axis of Evil. Second, create a list of 3 items/people/etc. that would be on a personal Axis of Evil and 1 reason for each items/people/etc. to state why it is on your personal Axis of Evil.

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Activity #1: Creation of a September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial (10 points)

- \* Design and create your own September 11<sup>th</sup> (drawing, poster, etc.). It could be for the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, or Shanksville.
- \* Write at least 5 quality sentences about the representation of your memorial. Why did you choose your particular design?
  - \* If you complete this project, you only have to do the first prompt.
- \* Creativity is always encouraged and appreciated.

Activity #2: George W. Bush Illustration or Coloring Book (5 points)

- \* Design a coloring or illustration book with some of GW's quotes or misquotes.
- \* Use at least 2 quotes or misquotes for your book.
- \* If you complete 4 quotes or misquotes, it can be worth 10 points.

Activity #3: Famous 2000s Person Invitation (5 points)

- Invite a famous person to speak in class from the 2000s chapter. It could be a hand written letter or an email. Be sure to make a copy of letter to validate your work.
- \* In your letter provide 3 reasons why you want that speaker to come to class.
  - \* Make an honest effort to invite this person because you never know who may show up.
  - \* If the person responds to your letter, you will receive a bonus point.
  - \* If the person actually comes to school, everyone from class will be exempt from a test.
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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.

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