

## Study Guide: Foreign & Domestic Affairs 1960-1981

### THE ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- To what extent did the Civil Rights movement, the Vietnam War, and Watergate change American politics?
- Did the Democratic presidents of the 1960s create the renewed interest in liberal gov't., or did the social events and atmosphere of the time influence the presidents to create that change?

### IN A NUTSHELL:

- President Nixon began a policy of relaxing tensions with the Soviet Union. He also opened up relations with Communist China.
- Throughout the 1970s, wars between Israel and the Arab states were an important foreign policy concern for the U.S.
- The Watergate scandal resulted in Richard Nixon's resignation from the presidency.
- President Ford generally continued Nixon's foreign and domestic policies.
- President Carter, who won the presidency running as an outsider, introduced no major program for reform. He did, however, introduce legislation to deal with energy and economic problems.
- President Carter emphasized human rights as the cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy. By the end of Carter's presidency, the policy of a relaxation of tensions with the Soviet Union had collapsed.

### KEY TERMS

#### EVENTS

John F. Kennedy takes office, 1961  
Bay of Pigs incident, April, 1961  
Cuban Missile Crisis, October, 1962  
Assassination of John F. Kennedy, Nov. 22, 1963  
Lyndon B. Johnson's inauguration, Nov. 22, 1963  
Nixon takes office, January, 1969  
*Roe v. Wade*, 1972  
Nixon's visit to China, February, 1972  
Watergate break-in, June, 1972  
War Powers Act passed, 1973  
Saturday Night Massacre, 1973  
Arab oil boycott, 1973  
Nixon resigns the presidency, August 9, 1974  
Ford pardons Nixon, 1974  
Camp David Accords, 1979  
Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, 1979  
American hostages taken in Iran, 1979  
Carter Doctrine, 1980

#### PEOPLE

Robert Kennedy  
Richard Nixon  
Henry Kissinger  
Spiro Agnew  
Gerald Ford  
Jimmy Carter  
Anwar Sadat  
Menachem Begin  
Ayatollah Khomeini

#### OTHER TERMS

New Frontier  
Peace Corps  
The Great Society  
War on Poverty  
OEO (Office of Economic Opportunity)  
Silent majority  
OPEC  
"stagflation"  
Equal Rights Amendment  
*détente*  
SALT I & II  
ICBM  
shuttle diplomacy  
CREEP