

Study Guide: Foreign & Domestic Affairs 1981-2001

THE ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- To what extent did the policies of the Reagan Administration constitute a “revolution” in American politics?
- To what extent did the policies of the Clinton Administration constitute a “Third Way” in government’s approach to creating economic prosperity?

IN A NUTSHELL:

- Ronald Reagan’s presidency gave the nation a conservative revolution that was in large part continued under George Bush.
- Although Ronald Reagan espoused much Cold War rhetoric in the early 1980s, by the end of his presidency, relations with the Soviet Union had greatly improved.
- During George Bush’s presidency the fall of the Soviet Union brought about an end to the Cold War.
- In a successful attempt to push Iraq’s army of invasion out of Kuwait, U.N. forces led by the U.S. fought the Persian Gulf War.
- Bill Clinton was elected president promising to restore the American economy.
- Bill Clinton was impeached for sexual misconduct.
- George W. Bush won a contested election in which he lost the popular vote.

KEY TERMS

EVENTS

Reagan assassination attempt, 1981
Bombing of U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, 1983
Iran-Contra scandal begins, 1986
Black Monday, October 19, 1987
INF Treaty signed, December, 1987
George H.W. Bush inaugurated, Jan. 1989
Savings and Loan bailout begins, 1989
Tiananmen Square demonstration, 1989
Berlin Wall destroyed, 1989
US invasion of Panama, 1989
Persian Gulf War, 1991
Breakup of the USSR, 1990-1991
Los Angeles race riots, 1992
Inauguration of Clinton, 1993
Siege on Branch Davidians in Waco, 1993
Contract with America, 1994
Oklahoma City bombing, 1995
Bombing of Serbia, 1998-1999
Clinton impeachment trial, 1998
Election of 2000
Attacks of September 11, 2001
Operation Iraqi Freedom, March, 2003

PEOPLE

Ronald Reagan
Mikhail Gorbachev
Oliver North
George H. W. Bush
Boris Yeltsin
Manuel Noriega
Saddam Hussein
Clarence Thomas
Bill Clinton
H. Ross Perot
Hilary Rodham Clinton
Madeleine Albright
George W. Bush
Al Gore

OTHER TERMS

Moral Majority
“Reaganomics”/Supply-side economics/“Voodoo economics”
Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)
Contras
Sandinistas
Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO)
AIDS
perestroika
Operation Desert Storm
Globalization
European Union
G-7
No Child Left Behind