

Modern America 1970s-Present

The era from the 1970's to the present, for our purposes, will be identified as Modern America. In this era, United States foreign policy shifts to more open relationships with communist China and the Soviet Union. As the Cold War ends our focus turns to combating terrorism. On the domestic front, this period ushers in a conservative movement to address the growth in federal power.



- 10F** 1. Describe significant societal issues from the 1970s– 1990s in each of the following areas.

Political Issues	
Economic Issues	
Social Issues	

- 11D** 2. What 3rd party was involved in the presidential election of 1992 and what impact did it have?

- 11E** 3. What was historically significant about the presidential election in 2008?

- 11F** 4. Explain the solvency of long-term entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare.

Explain the political, economic, and social factors involved in the U.S. role in the world in regards to the following events:

		Political	Economic	Social
10A	Richard M. Nixon's normalization of relations with China			
10A	Policy of détente			
10B	Reaganomics			
10B	Ronald Reagan's "Peace Through Strength"			
10D	Support for Israel			
10D	Camp David Accords			
10D	Iran-Contra Affair			
10D	Marines in Lebanon			
10D	Iran Hostage Crisis			

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11A	End of the Cold War			
11A	Persian Gulf War			
11A	Balkans Crisis			
11A	9/11			

How did each of these impact the U.S. free enterprise system?

17E	OPEC –Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries	
	GATT—General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade	
	NAFTA—North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement	

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Conservative Resurgence of the 80s and 90s			
Phyllis Schlafly			
Contract with America			
Heritage Foundation			
Moral Majority			
National Rifle Association (NRA)			

19C 1. How did Bill Clinton's impeachment affect the view of U.S. citizens concerning trust in the federal government and its leaders?

19B 2. What constitutional issues were raised in the aftermath of 9/11?

19D 3. How did the following contemporary legislation affect the public and private sectors?

Community Reinvestment Act of 1977	
USA PATRIOT Act of 2001	
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009	

19E 4. What are the pros and cons of U.S. participation in international organizations and treaties?

PROS	CONS

17C 1. How did defense spending from 1945 to 1990's impact the U.S. economy?

18A 2. How did the following American entrepreneurs achieve the American dream?

Bill Gates	
Sam Walton	
Estee Lauder	
Robert Johnson	
Lionel Sosa	

18B 3. Identify the impact of international events, multinational corporations, government policies, and individuals on the 21st century economy.

10C 4. How did energy impact the American way of life between 1970-1990?

14B 1. How did each of the following help to manage the environment?

Environmental Protection Agency	
Endangered Species Act	

24B 2. What were the contributions of the following individuals?

Billy Graham	
Barry Goldwater	
Sandra Day O'Connor	
Hillary Clinton	

21A 3. What effect did the case of *Wisconsin v Yoder* have on American society?

20B 4. How did the presidential election of 2000 impact the relationship between the three branches of government?

11E 5. What was significant about the election of 2008?