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**Guided Notes: Vietnam and Modern America**

**Vietnamese History - How the United States became involved:**

Throughout the twentieth century, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_heavily impacted foreign policy decisions. With the civil rights movement dominating domestic policy, anti-communist actions dominated foreign policy. Beginning in 1954, the U. S. began helping non-communist government of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in their fight to resist being taken over by communist North Vietnam. North Vietnam had spent many decades fighting foreign rule. From the late 1800’s until WWII,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, along with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, were ruled by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The three nations used to be part of a colony called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The French became quite wealthy exporting rice and rubber from Vietnam, but the Vietnamese people remained exceedingly poor. The Vietnamese spent many years trying to break free of French rule. In 1930,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ formed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They organized protests the French government. The French responded by arresting suspected communists and executing ICP party leaders. In 1940, during WWII, the Japanese took over Indochina. Ho Chi Minh returned to Vietnam. ICP leaders and other communist groups joined together to form the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** Since Japan was an enemy of the United States \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** fight the Japanese. Once Japan surrendered to the Allies in 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam’s independence. France tried to re-establish control of Vietnam. By 1946, with no peaceful solution found, The Viet Minh and the French go to war.

With WWII settled, the United States shifted focus towards the Soviets, and the impending Cold War. President **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** followed the policy of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:** working to prevent the spread of communism in Western Europe. In late **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. This caused the United States to expand their containment policy to include Asia. We joined forces with the French. They would need our assistance in stopping the communist Viet Minh. (Remember, just a few years back, we were supporting the Viet Minh in their quest to break free from Japanese rule) In addition, we would need their support in standing up to the communist Soviet Union.

In 1950, we entered the conflict when President Truman offered **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to the French. Eisenhower continued this aid when he was elected. When explaining the expenditure to the American people, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. This theory holds that if one country falls to communism, that those surrounding set country would also fall, like a set of dominos. Our efforts were to ensure that not only Vietnam, but all of Southeast Asia remained free of communist rule.

Despite $3 Billion in aid from the U.S., the French were unable to defeat the Viet Minh. In **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, peace talks took place in Geneva, Switzerland. The agreement reached was called the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. It divided Vietnam into **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ p**ortions along the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, with a DMZ (demilitarized zone) surrounding the dividing line. (Much like North and South Korea.) The truce was temporary. In 1956, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** were supposed to determine Vietnam’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In the mean time, both the North and South developed their own systems of government. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** led the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** became the leader of the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Since Ngo Dinh Diem **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, he **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in 1956. The United States backed this decision to ensure that communism didn’t spread to the whole of Vietnam. Despite increasing aid to South Vietnam, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** As **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, the dissatisfied**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**joined together and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Their goal was to overthrow the Diem government and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** supported the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and sent them **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** along a network of paths called the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, which traversed not only Vietnam, but Laos and Cambodia.

By 1963, the United States had lost faith in Diem. They had increased aid and even sent 16,000 troops. American **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to his government, but **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Eventually U.S. officials shifted their support to towards **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Against U.S. wishes, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

**Fear of Communism Shapes Foreign Policy:**

Vietnam wasn’t the only hot spot where we were concerned about the spread of red. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** was also a communist country, and being only **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** their proximity made their political choices all the more concerning. Hoping to take out Cuba’s communist leader **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In order to execute this mission, we took **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to South America, provided them with **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and direction, and then had them invade Cuba in April 1961. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by the Cuban government and it was an embarrassment for the United States.

There were also tensions in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Many in communist East Berlin were fleeing in favor of non-communist West Berlin. This upset the Soviet Union, and they threatened to close western access to Berlin. Kennedy insisted on West Berlin’s independence. In **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Since the wall made it harder for those fleeing communism to escape, it quickly **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

In 1962, there was another incident in Cuba. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and Soviet leader **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** believe the United States was planning another attack similar to the Bay of Pigs Invasion. In preparation for this supposed attack, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Through tense negotiations, the missiles were removed, we promised to not invade Cuba, and there were no shots fired. This was by far the most serious conflict Kennedy faced with the Soviets.

**Vietnam War Expands:**

The assassination of President Diem brought chaos to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** tried to head the government. By 1964, the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) controlled much of South Vietnam. Since the South was clearly unable to avoid a communist takeover on their own, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** wanted to begin **bombing North Vietnam,** hoping to discourage Ho Chi Minh from supporting the Viet Cong. After the destroyer U.S.S. Maddox was fired on off the coast of North Vietnam, Congress passed the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. This **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In March 1965, Johnson began sustained bombing of North Vietnam. He also sent the first combat troops. The policy of escalation continued as general **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, the commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, continually asked for **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. By the end of 1968, there were more than **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** troops in Vietnam.

Many Americans thought that with their **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, they would defeat the Viet Cong very quickly. The Viet Cong could not match American firepower, so it resorted\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Viet Cong would often emerge suddenly from **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to fight, then retreat back as quick as they came. They would set **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and grenades. When the United States first started sending ground troops, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Guerilla tactics made the Viet Cong an elusive enemy. In addition**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, as the United States want to prevent **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** from becoming involved in the conflict.

In reality, the **United States had several disadvantages** in this conflict. Most soldiers were **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. The average soldier was 19, and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. By the time they developed enough experience to be successful; it was time for them to leave. Another challenge for Americans was that the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** It was very hard to determine who was an enemy and who was a friend. Even the climate posed a challenge to American soldiers. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** were the norm. After wading through rice paddies, soldiers often had to pick leeches off of their legs and feet.

One of the strengths of the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** was their **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and therefore their ability to hide out. As previously stated, they relied on a network of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In addition, the VC were highly dedicated. They continually replenished troops and were willing to die for their cause. They saw the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and set their sights on winning this **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**American Strategies for Fighting in Vietnam:**

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. In addition, many American soldiers who were exposed to agent orange later suffered from skin diseases and cancers.

In addition, Americans often used search and destroy missions as a means of seeking out Viet Cong. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that were thought to be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. This tactic caused more harm than good. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,** and even if the VC were in the village that was destroyed, the fix was only temporary and they returned later.

**Tet Offensive:**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** In 1968, during the Tet holiday, the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army launched a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**on American forces. This **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**attack encompassed more than **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in South Vietnam. They were able to sneak in by dressing in civilian clothing and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** During the attack, the communist forces **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**in an attempt to take over South Vietnamese cities. This was a large **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for the communist forces, as they **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. The Tet Offensive caused a great deal of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. General Westmoreland had just indicated that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and such an attack clearly disproves that statement. A **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**developed between what military and political leaders were saying about Vietnam, and what was actually happening. Many Americans also began to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**for fighting in Vietnam.

**The Antiwar Movement:**

Opposition to the war came about for several reasons. Many felt we should not be involved in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Still others felt the methods we were using to fight were **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Some felt that the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and were upset that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Protests were staged across the country. One example of a protest gone wrong was the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. College students protesting were fired upon by officers**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**and eight were injured in a matter of seconds.

Another issue that was often protested was **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,** which required young men to sign up for military service**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,** so many middle and upper class men enrolled in school to avoid military service. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, so many who could afford draft counselors to seek out such exemptions would do so. Upset by the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,** many **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**as a form of protest. Many were also dismayed by the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Indeed, even **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Starting in 1969, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**were implemented to help ensure fairness. The first lottery involved placing all **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (including February 29) into a bin and drawing one at a time. Everyone with the first birthday called would be drafted first, and so on. The second lottery was to settle disputes within set birthdays. Letters were drawn to determine the order of the draft based on initials.

One major facet of the antiwar movement was the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Also known as **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, members of the counterculture, rejected **the middle-class lifestyle of consumerism and corporate influence** in favor of creating a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Many hippies joined **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, which are places where multiple families live together and share everything.

Clearly, the war was splitting the nation. Those who supported the war were called **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** They had their own demonstrations, often stating that **antiwar protestors were unpatriotic.** Those who were against the war were called **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**between supporting and opposing the Vietnam war.

**Vietnam in American Politics:**

Although Westmoreland stated that victory was at hand, television news reporter **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** went to Vietnam and reported that we were in a deadlock. Lyndon Johnson realized that he had lost popular support for the war, and did not grant General Westmoreland’s request for more troops following the Tet Offensive. Instead, he said that he would seek a **peaceable solution**. In the same speech, he shocked Americans by announcing that he **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** as president. While many of Lyndon Johnson’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, his shortcomings and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** He lost the support of many of his major political allies, civil rights leaders, and intellectuals over his role in Vietnam.

Richard Nixon, our new president, was determined to have a different political fate than his predecessor. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**to restore order, find an honorable end to the war, and to do so quickly. Unfortunately, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and the war dragged on. Morale of American troops really suffered during this time. At this point in the war, we had already **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and many were losing faith that America could win the war. In addition, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. American soldiers questioned why they were fighting a war that the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Another blow to morale was the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, in which rogue American soldiers killed 500 unarmed civilians, mostly women, children, and old men. Mai Lai came to represent the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**within the armed forces.

Hoping to recover, in 1969, Nixon announces his strategy of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. While Nixon began bringing troops home in 1969, he did not retreat. He was still hoping to force the North Vietnamese to negotiate a peace agreement. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**The War Finally Ends:**

In 1972, Nixon **won re-election** in a landslide. Again he promised an end in Vietnam. On January 27, 1973, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**were signed. This agreement stipulated a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**between North Vietnam, the Viet Cong, and South Vietnam. In exchange, the United States would remove all of its troops. By the end of March, the last of the combat troops left Vietnam. The ceasefire, unfortunately, was only temporary. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Without the money and manpower from the United States, the south was no match for the north. On April 30, 1975, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, the capital of South Vietnam. They re-named it Ho Chi Minh City. After the fall of Saigon, the war finally ended. Many South Vietnamese who were not communists fled the region and successful re-settled in America.

**Impacts of the War:**

The Vietnam War left lasting scars around the world. Between the north and south, more than **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. American bombing and chemical spraying caused **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In addition, the war left Asia highly politically unstable, which led to more bloody conflict in the region.

American were also heavily impacted by this war. Indeed, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Returning **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Consequently, they were not given the hero’s welcome they deserved. Since Vietnam, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** If he does send troops, he must inform Congress within 48 hours. In addition, unless there is a declaration of war made by Congress within 90 days, troops must be pulled.

Vietnam also heavily impacted American politics. During the war, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**was passed, lowering the voting age from 21-18. Many believed if an individual was old enough to be drafted, they were old enough to vote in elections. Speaking of the draft, it was suspended in 1973. Finally, the events that took place in Vietnam and the way the government handled it made many U.S. citizens distrust their government. This trust has never been fully re-gained.

**Domestic Turmoil in the 1970’s:**

When he was elected, Nixon promised to restore order. His grand plan was to crack down on protests and crime. He also appointed highly conservative justices to the Supreme Court, thinking their policies would bring an end to social unrest. He even

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America’s economy was struggling in the 1970’s as well. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. What resulted is high levels of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Deficit spending put a great deal of money into circulation in the 1960’s, but the economy slowed by 1970. When the economy slows, fewer goods are produced. The combination of the increased money supply and decreased production led to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** When Nixon took office**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. (Inflation went from 2.5% to 5%, and unemployment went from 3% to 6%.) In 1973, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (OPEC), decided to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**and reduce the number of shipments made to the United States. With our heavy dependence on oil, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. This only added to the inflation and unemployment numbers.

**Nixon’s Foreign Policy:**

In addition to negotiating the Paris Peace Accords with Vietnam, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**and the Soviet Union. While Nixon did not support the communist government of China, he believed that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. He asked his national security advisor, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, to arrange a meeting with the Chinese. This **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** between the two nations. The Soviets didn’t get along with China, and definitely didn’t like us having a better relationship with them. Consequently, Nixon was invited to Moscow. This led to the signing of the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (SALT) in 1972. This treaty placed **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**each country was able to have, which ultimately eased Cold War tensions.

**Watergate:**

While Nixon did help usher an end to the Vietnam war, he **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Not long after being re-elected, reporters for the Washington Post uncovered evidence that many of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Five men were caught **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**in the Watergate Office-Apartment Complex. They had cameras and bugs for the phones. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**of any connection the White House may have had to the break-in. Nixon himself lied, his aides lied, people were paid to lie, and the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Once the Senate began investigating, the Watergate Scandal broke open. Under oath, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, one of Nixon’s attorney’s, testified that the president had been involved in the cover-up. It was his word against Nixon’s until a White House aide revealed that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** A battle then ensued over the transcripts of the tapes. In the spring of 1974, the Senate Judiciary Committee began an **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Nixon released **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**of his tapes, but would not release the tapes themselves. On August 5, 1974, a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**the president to release full transcripts of the tapes. By this time, there was a bipartisan agreement on three articles of impeachment. The taped proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. On August 9, 1974, Richard Nixon became the first president to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**Eventually, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** members of Nixon’s administration were indicted or served prison terms for crimes connected to Watergate.

**Ford and Carter:**

In the wake of the Watergate Scandal, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**were left with the difficult job of restoring the public’s faith in the presidency. Ford blew his chance not long after he inherited the presidency by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. While his intentions were to spare the country an impeachment trial, many felt Nixon should face justice for what he had done. Carter defeated Ford in the 1976 election, campaigning as a Washington outsider. While many hoped that would bring fresh ideas to D.C., **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. He struggled with **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** In 1977, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Carter proposed an energy program to cut America’s dependence on oil, but American’s weren’t willing to make the sacrifice. OPEC’s continued price increases led to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**increases, making Carter increasingly unpopular. Carter did find success in his foreign policy initiatives. He worked to end a long-standing conflict with Panama over the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Under treaties signed in 1977, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Carter also attempted to reduce tensions in the Middle East by brokering the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. These agreements include a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, which not only ended 30 years of fighting, but became the first **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

One dark mark for Carter in the foreign policy arena, is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in 1979. The revolution, led by anti-American Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini, involved the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. While some were quickly released, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, including ambassador Bruce Laingen. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, a deal brokered by the Algerians between the Americans and Iranians, officially ended the crisis in January of 1981. The conditions of the accords stipulated that the United States not interfere politically or militarily with Iran’s internal affairs, U.S. sanctions on Iran would be lifted, Iranian debt to the U.S. would be paid, and litigation regarding this incident on both sides would be suspended.

**Reagan:**

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1. **Lower Taxes:** Reagan was a strong proponent of supply side economics. This theory holds that if taxes are lower, people save more money, banks could loan that money to businesses, which would then invest in ways to improve productivity. The supply of goods produced would increase, therefore driving down prices. Reagan’s belief in supply side economics led to the income tax rate being lowered by 25% in three years.
2. **De-regulation**: Reagan wanted to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**placed on many **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. He thought businesses would grow more rapidly if the government stayed out of their affairs. This includes affirmative action and environmental protections.
3. **Smaller Government:** Reagan wanted to significantly **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. He believed they were both **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. He tried to shrink the government by utilizing private contractors to perform government business.
4. **A Conservative Supreme Court:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Reagan was no exception. He appointed three conservative justices to the Supreme Court, including Sandra Day O’Conner, the first female supreme court justice.

1. **Cutting Entitlements:** Reagan and other conservatives believe in cutting entitlements, or **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Reagan believed these programs **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. By his standard, cutting welfare was not only practical, it was a moral obligation.

Reagan’s program had mixed results. At first, unemployment and inflation remained high, but they both dropped significantly by 1983. However, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**from 1981 to 1986.

Although Reagan believed in a small government, this did not apply to the military. Indeed, Reagan believed that military force was an essential protection against communists taking over the world. Indeed, he devoted **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**to complete with the Soviet Union’s military buildup. When Mikhail Gorbachev became the leader of the Soviet Union in 1985, Reagan met with him several times hoping to improve U.S.-Soviet relations. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (INF), signed in 1987, resulted from these meetings. Under this agreement, both countries would destroy all of their medium range missiles.

However, taking an anti-communist stand created some problems for Reagan. The Reagan administration decided to support the anti-communist side in several conflicts, including two civil wars in Central America. A scandal emerged surrounding the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Known as the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, in 1986 Americans learned that the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**in the Middle East. The money from these sales went to the Contras. This **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. While Reagan claimed he never knew about the deal, many concluded that he should have kept better track of the deals made by his administration.

Despite the Iran-Contra Scandal and increasing national debt, Reagan remained **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. He was known as the “great communicator,” and even as the “Teflon president,” since scandals seem to slide right off of him.

**George H.W. Bush:**

After serving two terms, Reagan’s Vice President, George H.W. Bush, ran for president and won. His presidency was marked by many foreign policy events:

**The End of the Cold War:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. As communism fell, so did a structure that came to symbolize the oppression of communism: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** This cleanse from communism angered those who strongly believed in the communist system of government. In 1991, they tried to arrange a coup of the Soviet Union. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**was successfully able to thwart the attempt. **\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. In December 1991, Yeltsin and the newly independent republics joined a loose alliance called the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (CIS). **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

**The Persian Gulf War:** In August of 1990**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. The United States and the United Nations lead a force composed of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**to free Kuwait. In 1991, this coalition force began bombing Iraq, then troops were sent in to push the Iraqi’s out of Kuwait.

Bush’s success in stopping Saddam Hussein in the Persian Gulf war made him extremely popular, but then **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. With unemployment reaching nearly **\_\_\_\_\_\_,** many Americans started to believe that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. He lost to Bill Clinton in the 1992 election.

**Clinton:**

When he first arrived in office, his **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. His legislation was criticized by republicans for being too costly and going too far, and by democrats for not going far enough. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, but there was a law passed that allows workers to keep their insurance when they change jobs.

In 1993, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** passed. NAFTA lifted tariffs between the U.S., Canada, and Mexico to allow for increased trade. While it won wide support from both sides of the isle, critics feared America would lose jobs to Mexico, where wages were lower and there were fewer safety regulations**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** outspoken opposition to the bill helped him to rise among his conservative colleagues, who made him speaker of the House after the 1994 mid-term elections. Since republicans won control of both houses of Congress in the 1994 elections, Clinton’s political arguments with them intensified. In 1995, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Eventually they were able to compromise with the pressure to act mounting from the American people. They were also able to compromise on a Welfare Reform Bill, which was huge on the conservative agenda. Under the welfare reform bill, there was no longer a guarantee of service for needy families, and there was a time **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Impeachment:**

Clinton was re-elected in 1996, but a scandal marred most of his second term. Information emerged that Clinton **\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** When the charges became public, he denied the affair with Monica Lewinski. Later, he admitted to the affair, but said that he didn’t lie under oath. In December 1998, the House of Representatives **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** president Clinton. He went through a trial, and was acquitted.

After his trial, Clinton worked to make gains in both foreign and domestic policy. Abroad, he led a group of nations dealing with the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. NATO forces began bombing Serbia in 1999, and three months later, the Serbians withdrew. Back at home, Clinton finished his second term with **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, but partisan divisions continued to hold up needed legislation.

**2000 Election**:

The 2000 election was quite controversial. While **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**won the popular vote, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**won the electoral vote. The point of contention was the state of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Many in that state said confusing ballots caused them to vote for the wrong person. In addition, many more said that they were turned away at their polling location: that they were not on the list of registered voters. The controversy led to a request for a hand re-count, a lawsuit, a countersuit, and finally a decision by the Supreme Court that the original vote count stands, and therefore Bush was the new president. Adding depth to the controversy, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**of the election.

**9/11:**

On the Morning of September 11, 2001**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**departing from the East Coast and heading for California. The hijackers crashed two of the jets into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. A third plane plowed into the Pentagon. A fourth jet crashed in an empty field after passengers courageously fought the hijackers. Everyone on all four planes died, in addition to several others. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

**Fighting Terrorism:**

This fateful day was a wake-up call to the American people. No longer could we pretend that terrorism was something that was only faced in other countries. With Congressional approval, Bush set out to fight terrorism**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. It was **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**the terrorist group believed responsible for 9/11. By 2002, the U.S. led coalition forces broke up the Al Qaeda strong hold in Afghanistan, but their leader Osama bin Laden was still at large.

At home, Bush signed into law a bill allowing our **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. He also created the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, a government agency whose sole purpose is to coordinate anti-terrorism efforts. In addition, the federal government became more involved in aviation security.

In 2003, the U.S. expands the war on terror to Iraq. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons, also known as **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. The UN conducted weapons inspections in Iraq, but Hussein did not fully cooperate. Britain and the U.S. broke off diplomatic ties with Iraq and ordered Saddam to leave the country. They began **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**on the Iraqi military. Coalition forces soon had boots on the ground and within a matter of months, the Iraqi army was defeated. The Iraqi people were **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** By 2006, Iraq had a new republican constitution and new government. Hussein was convicted of the murder of 148 of his own people, and sentenced to death. The U**.S. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and training of police and military troops. The challenge came from **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. Although we achieved our objective of getting Saddam out of Iraq, there were several costs involved in this endeavor. By the end of 2006, more than **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**had been killed, and more than **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** It's interesting to note that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** This has caused some to question the motives behind the Iraqi invasion.

**Facing New Challenges:**

As we move forward into the 21st century, there are many challenges we will face as a nation. First, the composition of our population is changing. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,**those born after WWII, are now starting to retire. With the increased percentage of the population reaching retirement age, and the increased life expectancy due to modern medicine, has **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

In addition to our aging population, the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** coming to our country are now from **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. One of our domestic policy issues is how to fairly handle those who come into our country illegally. Immigration will likely be a hot topic well into the future.

Another challenge that many joyfully face is implementing ever changing technologies that come our way every day. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**led to huge advances in information technology. Computer usage exploded in businesses, at home, and in schools. Now, many use smart phones or tablets for their internet needs.

With the advent of technology, we have become more interconnected. We live in a world where companies are linked through business. The unfortunate part of globalization is that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Obama:**

In 2008, we broke a large barrier as a nation, electing **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, as our nation’s first African American president. President Obama**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** Demand side economics is a theory that advocates **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** As such he produced a significant stimulus package in an attempt to counteract the great recession that arrived in 2008. While unemployment has declined and the deficit has shrunk under his watch, it remains to be seen how Obama will be rated on his handling of the economy.

Another of his big ticket items was an overhaul of healthcare. In March, 2010, Obama signed the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** into Law. This is also known as **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** In addition, The Obama administration also **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**on May 1, 2011. For many who lost friends in family on 9/11, this served as a moment of justice.

While there are some successes, no presidency is perfect. Much like president **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, Obama has had a difficult **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**because **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**between himself and Congress remains unresolved. It remains to be seen if and how Washington regains the trust of the American people, and build their efficiency by working together. *We face great challenges as a nation, but we also have great promise. As a future history maker, I hope you never forget that. ~Ms. P.*