

AP United States Unit Eight Study Guide

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Cold War and Contemporary America

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Essential Questions: Think about these questions **before, during, and after** the reading. They are very general; there is no specifically correct answer. If you understand their complexity and feel confident in using information from the text and the supplementary reading in answering these questions, you should understand the major themes from this period.

Cold War

1. List the issues that divided the U.S. and USSR. at the end of World War II.
2. Explain the policy of containment and the Truman Doctrine. Identify the early moves to contain the Soviets.
3. What was the Marshall Plan and what effect did it have on Europe?
4. Outline the formation of NATO and the Warsaw Pact.
5. What were the events that led to creation of a Communist China and the establishment of a Nationalist government in Taiwan? What effect did this have on American politics?
6. Outline the disagreements over the Korean War? What was the interaction between politics at home and the conduct of the war? What led the Truman administration to pull back to supporting a pre-war position?
7. What was the impact of the Korean War on America?
8. Outline the points in the rise and fall of "McCarthyism."
9. What were the postwar domestic challenges facing the United States after World War II and what was done to meet those challenges?
10. What were the issues of the 1948 election and how did Truman win?
11. What was the Fair Deal and how did it compare and contrast to the Progressive Movement and the New Deal?

Affluent Society

12. In what ways did the Eisenhower administration expand the federal government?
13. Outline the landmark moments in the Civil Rights movement of this period
14. How did foreign and defense policy change under Eisenhower?
15. Summarize events in the Middle East during Eisenhower's administration
16. Summarize or make a bullet-point list of the information on the economy of post-war America.
17. Summarize or make a bullet-point list of the information on the growth of suburban life.
18. What were the elements of the consumer culture that arose in the 1950s?
19. Summarize or make a bullet-point list of the information on the family, and the role of women in this period.
20. Summarize or make a bullet-point list of the information on culture in the 1950s.
21. Summarize or make a bullet-point list of the information on migration to this country and the growth of the urban areas in the 1950s.

Ordeal of Liberalism

22. Summarize or make a bullet-point list of the information on JFK's foreign policy. Make sure you remember the major foreign policy events of Truman and Eisenhower's presidencies. Study the list of Cold War events you were given last unit.
23. Summarize or make a bullet-point list of the information on JFK's domestic policies.
24. Briefly take notes on the following: Greensboro Sit-ins, SNCC, freedom rides, Birmingham protests and Bull Connor, March on Washington, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Freedom Summer, Voting Rights Act of 1965.
25. Make a list of the Great Society programs. Make sure you know what each one did.
26. How and why did America enter the war in Vietnam? Briefly trace the steps.
27. What was the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution? Why didn't the escalation of American involvement in the War succeed?

Crisis of Authority

28. How did the conduct of the Vietnam War affect American domestic affairs and how did American domestic affairs affect the conduct of the war?
29. Analyze the origins, methods, and ambitions of the student movement of the 1960s. What was its effect on American political, intellectual, and social institutions? Make sure you include the SDS, Port Huron Statement and Free Speech Movement.
30. How did the civil rights movement change in this period? Why did racial and civil unrest turn violent? Make sure you include Malcolm X, Black Muslims, Stokely Carmichael, Black Panthers, Long Hot Summers,
31. Make a list of changes achieved in the social reform movements of the 1960s and 1970s that were the legacy of the civil rights movement. Make sure to include Cesar Chavez, AIM, Wounded Knee, and Stonewall.
32. What elements contributed to the women's movement of the 1960s and 1970s?
33. What factors contributed to the election of Richard Nixon in 1968?
34. What policies were adopted by the Nixon administration to extricate the U.S. from the Vietnam War?
35. What was the legacy of Vietnam?
36. What were some significant revelations of malfeasance in the Watergate affair?
37. Describe the general outlines of Nixon's economic policy.
38. What were the proximate and fundamental causes of the creeping inflation of the late 1960s and 1970s?
39. What did the Pentagon Papers reveal about the true nature of the Vietnam War?
40. What was the goal of *détente*?
41. Identify President Nixon's most important foreign policy achievements.
42. What was the thrust of the Nixon Doctrine? What were its implications on Chile?

The "Age of Limits" to the Age of Reagan

43. How did President Ford attempt to get the nation's economy back in shape? What was the purpose of the W.I.N. buttons?
44. How did the energy crisis complicate Ford's problems?
45. How did Carter manage to help bring about a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel?
46. What problems did critics have with President Carter's foreign policy philosophy?
47. What led to the Iranian hostage crisis? What political affects did it have on the Carter administration?
48. Why did *detente* collapse with the Soviet Union during the Carter administration?
49. Describe the basis of Christian evangelicalism. How could it lead to both social liberalism, as in Jimmy Carter, and, more typically, cultural conservatism, as in Jerry Falwell?
50. List some of the issues stressed by the "Christian right."

51. How did activists build the "New Right?" What was Ronald Reagan's role in the emergence of the movement?
52. What were the key elements of the Reagan Coalition? How did it differ from the traditional Republican constituency?
53. Explain the assumptions of supply-side economics or "Reaganomics."
54. What stance toward the Soviets and communism in general constituted the so-called Reagan Doctrine?
55. How was the Reagan Doctrine applied in Latin America and the Caribbean?
56. What was the nature of the Iran-Contra scandal? What other scandals plagued the Reagan administration?

Facts, figures, people, and places. Be prepared to identify, define, describe, and explain the significance of the people, places, and events listed below.

1. Cold War	92. National Defense Education Act	174. Sirhan Sirhan
2. revisionist interpretation	93. William H. Whyte, Jr.	175. silent majority
3. post-revisionist	94. David Reisman	176. peace with honor
4. <i>One World</i>	95. beats or beatniks	177. the New Left
5. Tehran Conference	96. Allen Ginsburg	178. SDS
6. Big Three	97. Jack Kerouac	179. Port Huron Statement
7. Moscow agreement	98. Saul Bellow	180. Tom Hayden
8. Yalta Conference	99. J. D. Salinger	181. Free Speech Movement
9. Dumbarton Oaks	100. Michael Harrington	182. People's Park battle
10. United Nations	101. culture of poverty	183. Weathermen
11. Security Council	102. urban renewal	184. Vietnam Moratorium
12. pastoralization	103. <i>Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas</i>	185. counterculture
13. zone of occupation	104. Thurgood Marshall	186. hippie
14. Potsdam Conference	105. <i>Brown II</i>	187. LSD
15. Chiang Kai-shek	106. <i>Shuttlesworth v. Birmingham Board of Education</i>	188. Theodore Roszak
16. Mao Zedong	107. Central High School (Little Rock, Arkansas)	189. Bob Dylan
17. China Lobby	108. Orval Faubus	190. Joan Baez
18. containment	109. Rosa Parks	191. Woodstock
19. George F. Kennan	110. Martin Luther King, Jr.	192. Termination
20. Truman Doctrine	111. SCLC	193. Declaration of Indian Purpose
21. Dean Acheson	112. Jackie Robinson	194. AIM
22. domino effect	113. John Foster Dulles	195. Indian Civil Rights Act
23. Marshall Plan	114. Federal Highway Act	196. Wounded Knee
24. Selective Service System	115. J. Robert Oppenheimer	197. "Pan-Indians"
25. Atomic Energy Commission	116. massive retaliation	198. NOW
26. National Security Act	117. brinkmanship	199. Kate Millett
27. NSC	118. Ho Chi Minh	200. Shulamith Firestone
28. CIA	119. Dien Bien Phu	201. Billie Jean King
29. Department of Defense	120. Mohammed Mossadegh	202. Sally Ride
30. Berlin airlift	121. Mohammed Reza Pahlavi	203. ERA
31. NATO	122. Gamal Abdel Nasser	204. <i>Roe v. Wade</i>
32. Warsaw Pact	123. Suez Crisis	205. Henry Kissinger
33. Taiwan	124. Yankee Imperialism	206. Vietnamization
34. NSC-68	125. Military Industrial Complex	207. teach-in
35. reconversion	126. New Frontier	208. J. William Fulbright
36. GI Bill of Rights	127. Great Society Programs	209. Kent State
37. John L. Lewis		210. Pentagon Papers
38. Fair Deal		211. Daniel Ellsberg
39. welfare-state liberalism		212. My Lai
40. Robert Taft		213. William Calley
41. Wagner Act		214. Christmas bombing
42. Taft-Hartley Act		215. balance of power
43. Dixiecrat		216. SALT I
		217. detente
		218. Nixon Doctrine
		219. Salvador Allende

44. Strom Thurmond
45. *Shelley v. Kraemer*
46. Syngman Rhee
47. Korean War
48. the Martin letter
49. HUAC
50. Whittaker Chambers
51. pumpkin papers
52. Alger Hiss
53. Richard M. Nixon
54. J. Edgar Hoover
55. McCarran Internal Security Act
56. Klaus Fuchs
57. Julius & Ethel Rosenberg
58. Joseph McCarthy
59. McCarthyism
60. domestic subversion
61. Adlai Stevenson
62. baby boom
63. suburbs
64. John Maynard Keynes
65. Keynesian economics
66. Walter Reuther
67. escalator clause
68. AFL-CIO
69. George Meany
70. Teamsters Union
71. Jimmy Hoffa
72. Operation Dixie
73. William Levitt
74. Levittown
75. G. I. Bill
76. Benjamin Spock
77. NBC
78. CBS
79. ABC
80. soap opera
81. *Ozzie and Harriet*
82. *Leave It to Beaver*
83. *Father Knows Best*
84. social diversity
85. cultural alienation
86. Jonas Salk
87. *Sputnik*
88. Yuri Gagarin
89. NASA
90. white-collar worker
91. blue-collar worker

128. Department of Housing and Urban Development
129. Immigration Act
130. SNCC
131. freedom rides
132. Ella Baker
133. James Meredith
134. "Bull" Connor
135. George Wallace
136. Robert Kennedy
137. Medgar Evers
138. Civil Rights Act, 1964
139. freedom summer
140. Voting Rights Act, 1965
141. de jure segregation
142. de facto segregation
143. affirmative action
144. Watts riots
145. Black Panthers
146. Bobby Seale
147. Huey Newton
148. Nation of Islam
149. Elijah Muhammed
150. Malcolm X
151. Third World
152. Green Berets
153. Peace Corps
154. Bay of Pigs
155. Berlin Wall
156. Cuban Missile Crisis
157. rapprochement
158. Vietnam
159. 1st Indochina War
160. Geneva Accords
161. Ngo Dinh Diem
162. NLF
163. 2nd Indochina War
164. Dean Rusk
165. Robert McNamara
166. Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
167. Nguyen Van Thieu
168. attrition
169. Ho Chi Minh Trail
170. pacification
171. Tet Offensive
172. Eugene McCarthy
173. James Earl Ray

220. Six-Day War
221. PLO
222. Yom Kippur War
223. Family Assistance Plan
224. *Engel v. Vitale*
225. *Gideon v. Wainwright*
226. *Escobedo v. Illinois*
227. *Miranda v. Arizona*
228. *Bakke v. Board of Regents of California*
229. George McGovern
230. OPEC
231. stagflation
232. Watergate
233. CRP
234. John Sirica
235. John Mitchell
236. J. R. Haldeman
237. John Erlichman
238. Saturday Night Massacre
239. Spiro Agnew
240. *U. S. v. Richard Nixon*
241. malaise speech
242. Anwar Sadat
243. Menachem Begin
244. Camp David Accords
245. SALT II
246. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini
247. sunbelt
248. Sagebrush Rebellion
249. pseudo-faiths
250. Evangelical Christianity
251. Billy Graham
252. Oral Roberts
253. the "Christian" right
254. Moral Majority
255. Jerry Falwell
256. the New Right
257. Proposition 13
258. neo-conservatives
259. the "Teflon President"
260. supply-side economics
261. boll weevils
262. deregulation
263. EPA
264. deficit
265. SDI
266. Iran-Contra Scandal

Questions and Themes for Unit Eight

By the end of this unit, through reading, homework, and class discussion we will have covered these questions and topics. Keep this list at the back of your mind as you study and read throughout the unit. Be prepared to discuss these questions in class. This list will also be a good review sheet when you study for the AP exam.

Cold War, the 1950's-1980's

- Truman's domestic programs: what did he propose and how successful was he
- Sources of Cold War; Rationale behind the containment doctrine
- The arms race from 1945 to 1961
- The consequences of the defense and foreign policy views, and actions of the Truman administration
- The origins of the Korean War, its outcome, and its impact on the United States in domestic and foreign policy
- Other tensions around the world during the Cold war
- Were the 1950s really an age of consensus and conformity? Why or why not
- Eisenhower's domestic programs
- The civil rights movement during the 1950s and the reaction of white southerners; how successful were blacks in achieving their objectives in this period
- The sources and results of the postwar economic boom; The effect of the Baby Boom and growth of the suburbs on American life
- American culture in the 1950s: the influence of TV, advertising, movies, music, fads, and writers during this period
- The goals and accomplishments of JFK's presidency; The Cold War under Kennedy
- How we got involved in Vietnam and the escalation of our involvement, its impact on American life
- LBJ's domestic goals and accomplishments
- Civil Rights accomplishments and failures in the 1960s, How the Civil Rights movement transformed itself into the black power movement
- The impact of the New Left and the counterculture on American life
- The emergence of the feminist movement; its successes and failures
- Nixon's goals and accomplishments on foreign policy; Nixon's impact on domestic policy
- Watergate and its effects; the legacy of Nixon's presidency
- The efforts of President Gerald Ford to overcome the effects of Richard Nixon's resignation.
- The rapid emergence of Jimmy Carter as a national figure and the reasons for his victory in 1976.
- Carter's emphasis on human rights and its effects on international relations.
- Carter's role in bringing about the Camp David agreement and the impact of this agreement on the Middle East.
- Why the United States had so much difficulty in freeing the hostages held by Iran and the effect of this episode on the Carter presidency.
- The nature of the "Reagan revolution" and the meaning of "supply-side" economics. .
- The staunchly anticommunist Reagan foreign policy.
- The changing demography of America from 1970 to 1990.
- The increasingly conservative mood of the American electorate.
- The emergence of a new era in foreign policy with the collapse of the Soviet Union.