

Chapter 30 Study Sheet

The Lean Years, 1969-1980

Chapter 31 Study Sheet

A New Domestic and World Order, 1981-2001

Terms and Identifications: Analyze the following terms; include historical context, chronology, drawing conclusions, and cause/effect *where appropriate*. Each identification is worth one extra credit point; pick the terms you need the most help with to understand. Use a separate sheet of paper and attach to study sheet. You may have your identifications with you to refer to while taking your quiz.

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| 1. Ayatollah Khomeini | 2. Berlin Wall's fall | 3. Equal Rights Amendment |
| 4. Iran-contra scandal | 5. Operation Desert Storm | 6. Pentagon Papers |
| 7. Roe v. Wade | 8. SALT II | 9. Sandanistas and contras |
| 10. Saturday Night Massacre | 11. Strategic Defense Initiative ("Star Wars") | |
| 12. Watergate scandal | 13. Rachel Carson/Silent Spring | |
| 14. CREEP | 15. Stagflation | 16. Busing |
| 17. The New Right | 18. Reaganomics/Trickle Down | |

Thought Questions: While you are reading the chapter for the first time, write down a couple questions or observations that come to mind for class discussion. These thoughts could be about ideas you do not understand or ideas you find curious or interesting.

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Short Answer: The following short-answer exercises will help you to assess your comprehension of the major themes of your reading. Before you begin, review the material in each section (bolded below) of your textbook. When you are ready, write a brief paragraph-length response to each of the questions.

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The Nixon Years

1. What brought about the Watergate scandal?

2. What were the long-term implications of Watergate?

3. Why did Democratic candidate George McGovern fare so badly in the 1972 presidential election?

An Economy of Diminished Expectations

1. What happened to most Americans' standard of living in the 1970s?

2. In the 1970s, what was the domestic impact of American reliance on oil for economic production?

3. What efforts did Nixon take to overcome the economic recessions of the 1970s, and how successful were these efforts?

Reform and Reaction in the 1970s

1. In what ways did Americans attempt to restrict the efforts of the federal government to expand civil rights for women and minorities during the 1970s?

2. What gains could be seen by the end of the 1970s in the struggle for gender equality?

3. What were the strategy and tactics of the antiabortion movement?

Politics in the Wake of Watergate

1. How did President Carter try to improve America's energy resources?

2. How did President Carter react to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan?

3. How did Ronald Reagan manage to reinvigorate the Republican Party after the disaster of Watergate?

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The Reagan-Bush Years, 1981-1993

1. What was the impact of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981?

2. Why was the U.S. government criticized for its role in the Iran-Contra affair?

3. Why did states and municipalities find themselves in financial crisis in the early 1990s?

Foreign Relations under Reagan and Bush

1. What impact did the end of the cold war and the breakup of the Soviet Union have on American foreign policy?

2. What was meant by the assertion that the Gulf War had ended the Vietnam syndrome?

3. What was the primary motivation of the Reagan administration's foreign policy?

Uncertain Times: Economic and Social Trends, 1980-2000

1. What factors affected workers' sense of job security in the early 1990s?

2. What distinguishes the contending parties in the culture wars of the 1990s from each other?

3. What had the environmental movement achieved by the twenty-fifth anniversary of Earth Day in 1995?

Restructuring the Domestic Order: Public Life, 1992-2001

1. What factors enabled the Democrats to win the election of 1992?

2. What factors contributed to the defeat of the Clinton administration's health-care reform plan?

3. What were some of the consequences of the Republican victory in the 1994 congressional election, and why were they less extensive than the Republicans had promised during the campaign?