**Period 9: Reagan Era to the Present**

**1980 – Present**

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**Content/Topics:**

* Reagan Era
* End of the Cold War
* 21st Century
* Nineties
* 9/11 & War on Terror

**Essential Questions**

* What were the causes and effects of the rise of the new conservative movement of the 1980s?
* What was the impact of Reagan’s economic plan? (Reaganomics)
* How did Reagan handle the Cold War? What impact did this have on the Cold War and the US as a whole?
* How did the Cold War come to an end? What are its lasting impacts?
* How did the creation and increased availability of the internet affect the US economically, politically, and socially
* How did the economy change at the turn of the 21st century?
* How did immigration and migration change from the 1980s to the 2000s? What impact did this have on the US politically, socially, and economically?
* How did American foreign policy change after the Cold War? After 9/11?
* What were the effects of 9/11 on the US politically, socially, and economically?
* What were the causes and effects of the Great Recession?

**Required Reading: AMSCO**

* Chapter 30 – Conservative Resurgence, 1980-2000
* Chapter 31 – Challenges of the 21st Century, 2000-Present

**Vocabulary:**

* Political Action Committees (PAC)
* Religious fundamentalism
* Televangelists
* Moral Majority
* Roe v. Wade
* Regents of University of California v. Bakke
* Supply-side economics
* Reaganomics
* Sandra Day O’Connor
* Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars)
* Sandinistas
* Boland Amendment
* Iran-Contra Affair
* Yasser Arafat
* Mikhail Gorbachev
* Glasnost
* Perestroika
* INF agreement
* Russia Republic
* Boris Yeltsin
* START I & II
* Yugoslavia Civil War
* Saddam Hussein
* Persian Gulf War
* Operation Desert Storm
* Clarence Thomas
* Americans with Disabilities Act
* Ross Perot
* “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell:
* NAFTA
* NRA
* Anti-Crime Bill
* Newt Gingrich
* Contract With America
* Oklahoma City Bombing
* Columbine Shooting
* Welfare Reform
* Impeachment of Clinton
* Madeline Albright
* Northern Ireland Accords
* Balkan Wars
* Nuclear proliferation
* Gaza Strip & West Bank
* EU
* WTO
* World Bank
* G-8
* Internet
* E-commerce
* Immigration Act of 1986
* Political polarization
* Gerrymandering
* Election of 2000
* Al Gore
* Bush v. Gore
* No Child Left Behind Act
* Enron
* Housing bubble
* Privatization of Social Security
* Hurricane Katrina
* Colin Powell
* Al-Qaeda
* Osama bin Laden
* USS Cole
* World Trade Center
* September 11, 2001
* Taliban
* Department of Homeland Security
* Kyoto Accord
* Bush Doctrine
* WMDs
* Operation Iraqi Freedom
* Troubled Assets Relief Program
* Great Recession
* 2009 stimulus bill
* Dodd-Frank Act
* Affordable Care Act
* Tea Party
* Government shutdowns (90s and 2000s)
* Boston Marathon Bombing
* Arab Spring
* Citizens United

**Learning Targets:**

Self-evaluation – Rank yourself for each target – could you teach the target easily to someone else?

**3. Got it 2. Almost 1. Not yet**

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| **Target** | **Theme/Skill** | **Self-Eval** |
| 9.1 Explain the context in which the United States faced international and domestic challenges after 1980 | Contextualization  |  |
| 9.2 Explain the causes and effects of continuing policy debates about the role of the federal government over time.  | Politics and Power |  |
| 9.3 Explain the causes and effects of the end of the Cold War and its legacies  | America in the World  |  |
| 9.4 Explain the causes and effects of economic and technological change over time  | Work, Exchange, & Tech |  |
| 9.5 Explain the causes and effects of domestic and international migration over time | Migration & Settlement  |  |
| 9.6 Explain the causes and effects of the domestic and international challenges the United States has faced in the 21st century.  | America in the World |  |
| 9.7 Explain the relative significance of the effects of change in the period after 1980 on American national identity  | Causation  |  |