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Reagan and Conservatism		
Describe the emergence of The New Right. What role did religion play in this development?	Many Americans, especially conservatives suburban whites, had become wary of Great Society initiatives and the growth of government responsibility and called for the slashing of numerous programs to limit government spending. At the same time, the fusion of Christian values and the Republican Party occurred in the 1970s, especially surrounding the issue of abortion.	affirmative action Moral Majority <i>Roe v Wade</i> Right to Life
Describe the presidential and congressional elections of 1980.	Former Governor of California (and Hollywood actor), Reagan campaigned on the conservative values of the New Right, winning the presidency in 1980. With the Moral Majority's help, Republicans also established a majority in the Senate for the first time in almost 30 years.	
What was Reagan's economic platform?	Nicknamed Reaganomics, his policy held that greater tax cuts for investors and entrepreneurs would encourage saving and investment, thus producing economic benefits that would reach every level of the economy. This directly rejected the decades of adherence to stimulatory practices of Keynesian economics.	supply-side economics Economic Recovery Act "trickle down" theory New Deal/Great Society
What programs did Reagan decrease and increase funding to?	Welfare programs furthered by the New Deal and Great Society initiatives were cut or significantly defunded. At the same time, in the midst of the Cold War, military funding was drastically increased.	Social Security, Food Stamps, Medicaid, and federal education \$150 billion
What impact did Reagan have on the Supreme Court?	He appointed 3 conservative judges, including the first female Supreme Court justice, that would influence decisions for decades.	Sandra Day O'Connor Antonin Scalia Anthony Kennedy
End of the Cold War		

<p>What was the Iran-Contra Affair?</p>	<p>The US supported anti-communist Contras in Nicaragua with profits from the illegal sale of arms to Iran. This resulted in controversy, as it circumvented Congress's oversight of the federal budget.</p>	<p>Sandinistas</p>
<p>What was the Strategic Defense Initiative?</p>	<p>Part of the Cold War arms race, the SDI was the buildup of advanced laser-based weapons systems that could shoot down enemy missiles from space.</p>	<p>"Star Wars"</p>
<p>How did the diplomatic relationship with the USSR change during the 1980s?</p>	<p>Soviet reforms under Gorbachev's leadership led to new common ground between the rivals and was the impetus behind signing disarmament treaties. Reagan kept the pressure on as Gorbachev's reforms eventually led to the collapse of Soviet rule as independence movements emerged throughout the USSR.</p>	<p>glasnost perestroika Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty START I "Tear down this wall!" Parade of Sovereignties George H.W. Bush</p>
<p>A Changing Economy</p>		
<p>What factors led to increased economic activity?</p>	<p>Technological advancements in digital communications like the internet and email expanded the reach of the American economy. Continued mechanization increased production and profits, despite rising unemployment in the late 80s and early 90s along with stagnant wages.</p>	
<p>What impact did technology have on society?</p>	<p>Mobile access to the internet, via cell phones, created the occasion for constant connection across the country and world. Social media platforms even changed what those connections look like.</p>	<p>Facebook, Twitter, etc.</p>
<p>Migration and Immigration</p>		
<p>Which regions attracted the most immigration during the 1990s and 2000s? From where?</p>	<p>The South and West due to their growing economic opportunities and their proximity to Mexico and Latin America, in general.</p>	
<p>What kind of immigration reforms were passed?</p>	<p>A new, fairer process for entry into America was established in 1986, even granting amnesty for some people who had previously immigrated illegally.</p>	<p>Immigration Reform and Control act</p>

<p>What was the response to increased immigration during this period?</p>	<p>Nativist resentment of Latino-Americans and immigrants arose, citing the competition for jobs as the major frustration (remember the Irish?). Still, immigration contributed to significant economic growth throughout this period.</p>	
<p>Challenges of the 21st Century</p>		
<p>Describe the effects of the 9/11 attacks.</p>	<p>The declaration of a “Global War on Terror” led to increased US military intervention across the world, especially in the Middle East. Heightened national security concerns also led to increased surveillance measures and Islamophobia.</p>	<p>Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda Afghanistan and Taliban Dept. of Homeland Sec. Patriot Act</p>
<p>Describe environmental concerns in this period.</p>	<p>Global warming had long been a significant concern for over a half century but the increased dependence on fossil fuels was more deeply correlated with climate change. This led to calls for alternative energy sources and the “go green” movement.</p>	<p>Al Gore “An Inconvenient Truth”</p>