**Unit 10**

**Chapter 39:**

**JFK – defeats Nixon in 1960**

* The “New Frontier” – Domestic policy programs.
* The Peace Corps – international program for young Americans to spread stuff.
* NASA and the Space Race – 1961 – USSR sends a man to space.
  + Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin land on the moon 1969.
* Economy – cut taxes, unemployment aid, and social security.

**Berlin Wall – separate East Berlin from West Berlin.**

**JFK’s Foreign Policy – “Flexible Response” by McNamara.**

* Cuba – Castro’s rise to power
* Alliance for Progress – gave 20 billion dollars so Latin America didn’t fall.
* Bay of Pigs Invasion – train and arm Cubans to overthrow Castro.
  + Disaster for JFK and US.
* Cuban Missile Crisis – USSR Nuclear Missiles in Cuba
  + Naval Quarantine by JFK.
  + JFK rejected surgical bombings.
  + Khrushchev turned his ships around as long as America removes nukes from Turkey.

**Civil Rights – 1960s South is basically the 1860s South.**

* Freedom Rides – against segregation by white college students.
* JFK takes on Southern Colleges by helping enroll black students.
* Birmingham – MLK protests there, harsh response raises national interest.
  + JFK supports a Civil Rights Bill
* March on Washington – “I have a Dream” speech for social and economic rights.
* BREAK FOR LBJ PRESIDENCY STARTING HERE.
* 24th Amendment – banned poll taxes.
* Civil Rights Act of 1964 – Banned discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or origin.
* Voting Rights Act of 1965 – MLK marches at Selma, Alabama.
* Affirmative Action – Federal action taken to protect members of groups that have been mistreated.
  + Education access and job opportunities.
  + Critics call it “Reverse Discrimination,” weakened by the SC in the 80s and 90s.
* **IMPACT – 1954 – 1968 is the 2nd Reconstruction Period.**
* Dissention
  + Black Separatism – Marcus Garvey back in the day.
  + Malcolm X – Civil Rights Leader, violence if necessary.
  + Racial Violence - Watts Riots, LA in 1965
  + Stokely Carmichael – leader of SNCC and influenced Malcom X, Black Power.
  + Black Panther Party – Bobby Seale and Huey Newton – counter force to the police officers in Oakland.
  + MLK assassinated by James Earl Ray.

**JFK Assassination – shot by Lee Harvey Oswald, Oswald shot by Jack Ruby.**

* Warren Commission – Oswald acted alone

**LBJ’s Presidency – extends JFK’s policies.**

* War on Poverty with lots of initiatives.
* 1964 – LBJ crushed Barry Goldwater, Goldwater started the conservative backlash.
* **Great Society – LBJ’s Domestic Policy, New Deal and Civil Rights**
  + Education – Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
  + Medical Care – Medicare, elderly medical cost, Medicaid, welfare recipient’s medical costs.
  + Immigration Reform – Immigration and Nationality Act, ended the quota system, reunites families, doubles immigration.
  + Civil Rights – See the Civil Rights section.

**Vietnam – it’s in Asia.**

* North – communist, South – Democracy.
* Need to get involved because of the Domino Theory.
* Gulf of Tonkin Resolution – N. Vietnam attacks our ships, LBJ gets blank check war powers.
* Operation Rolling Thunder – massive bombings.
* Tet Offensive – Massive surprise attack by Viet Cong all throughout S. Vietnam.
  + **IMPACT - Opposition to the war, Walter Cronkite’s reporting.**
* ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT – Doves oppose, Hawks support.
  + Average soldier’s age is 22 years.
  + LBJ does not run for reelection.

**LBJ’s Legacy – Vietnam War ruined his awesome domestic track record.**

**Election of 1968 – Nixon won against Humphrey.**

* Democratic Chaos, RFK gets assassinated.
* GOP Nixon – honorable peace and law and order.

**Cultural Upheavals**

* Abortion, Feminism, Gay rights, Hippies, War Dissent.
* The new Left – trying to make everything more equal, more free speech, spreading these ^ issues.
* UC Berkeley – Free Speech Movement.
* Students for a Democratic Society – Free speech, anti-war, some terrorism.
* Hippies – the rebellious youth, rock & roll, drugs, sex, tie-dye.
* Woodstock – Rock and Roll festival.

**Chapter 40:**

**Nixon’s Détente with Communism:**

* Henry Kissinger – Secretary of State
* USSR and China were clashing about Marxism – US drives a wedge between them.
* Nixon and Mao Zedong – improved relations.
  + Ping Pong Diplomacy – American ping pong team in China.
* Nixon and Brezhnev – USSR needs food, US can provide.
  + SALT I (1972) – Froze number of Ballistic Missile Launchers.
  + Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty – What the name says.
* Nixon and Vietnam – Vietnamization, withdraw and let the S. Vietnamese fight for it.
* The Nixon Doctrine – Honor the current commitments, but Asia will have to fight their own wars in the future.
* My Lai Massacre (1968) – US troops kill 500 civilians, Anti-war movement.
* Bombing of Cambodia – Nixon attacks neutral Cambodia because N. Vietnam uses its land to attack S. Vietnam.
  + Kent State Incident (1970) – Ohio National Guard attack student strike.
  + Silent majority – Nixon has popular support for the war but don’t say it.
* Pentagon Papers – Daniel Ellsberg leaks top secret report of deception in Vietnam.
* Ending of the war – Paris Peace Talks lead to ceasefire.
  + Peace with Honor (1973) – last US troops removed.
  + Fall of Saigon (1975) – Vietnam is one communist nation.
* Cost and Legacy of the War – 58,000 dead, 300,000 wounded, 150 billion dollars.
  + 26th Amendment – 18 year olds can vote.
  + War Powers Act – Drastically reduced presidential wartime power.

**Nixon’s Domestic stuff:**

* Stagflation (1970s) – unemployment.
* Nixon makes a wage freeze and a price freeze for 90 days.
* No more gold standard.
* “New Federalism” – transfer of powers to the state governments.
  + Revenue Sharing – 30 billion dollars goes to the states.
* Nixon and the Supreme Court – Nixon disliked the Warren Court and wanted stricter constitutional interpretation.
  + Warren Burger – Conservative chief justice.
* Nixon’s Great Society.
  + Philadelphia Plan – hire minority workers.
  + Bakke Case (1978) – affirmative action, Bakke (white male) does not get into University of California because of his race.

**Nixon and the Environment – Earth Day.**

* Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring* (1962)
* Environmental Protection Agency (1970) – protect stuff.
* Three Mile Island (1979) – Partial melt down with no health problems.

**The Energy Crisis**

* Six-Day War (1967) – Israel takes a bunch of land.
* Yom Kippur War (1973) – Egypt and Syria surprise attack. US helps Israel.
  + Impact – Oil embargo.
  + OPEC – Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, raised oil prices.
* Price of Oil quadruples, gas prices double, inflation.

**Second Wave of Feminism**

* 1960s and 1970s.
* National Organization for Women (1966) – lobbying group.
* Roe v. Wade (1973) – legalizes abortion.
* Title IX – increases extracurricular opportunities for women.
* Equal Rights Amendment – Passed by Senate in 1972, fell 3 votes short by state ratification.
  + Phyllis Schlafly – Conservative, pro-family, blocked equal rights amendments.

**1972 – Nixon defeats George McGovern in a landslide.**

**Watergate! Nixon has paranoia of his political opponents.**

* CREEP – Committee to Re-Elect the President caught breaking into Democratic HQ.
* Nixon involved in a cover-up.
* Watergate Tapes – Nixon recorded most Oval Office conversations, withheld by “Executive Privilege”
  + US v. Nixon – Supreme Courts says give up the tapes.
  + Saturday Night Massacre – fires the special prosecutor, outraged public.
  + Impeachment Charges – obstruction of justice and misuse of CIA/FBI

**Gerald Ford – Pardoned Nixon, Americans outraged.**

* Helsinki Accords – Détente Stuff in Western Democracies and Communist Powers.

**Election of 1976 Carter defeats Ford.**

* Washington D.C. Outsider – no connection to Vietnam and Watergate.

**Carter’s Presidency**

* Economic and energy crisis – interest rates go to 18.5%, no oil, inflation.
* Humanitarian Diplomacy – Carter promoted defense of human rights in other countries.
  + Hypocritical and ineffective.
* Panama Canal Treaty (1977) – Transfer ownership of the canal to Panama in 1999.
* Camp David Accords (1978) – Cater gets agreements that lead to the 1979 Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty.
* SALT II (1979) – arms race limitations.
* USSR invades Afghanistan (1979) – mistake, US promised to protect the Persian Gulf from the USSR.
  + Erases Détente progress and reestablishes the Cold War. We didn’t go to the Olympics.
* Iranian Revolution and the Iranian Hostage Crisis.
  + 1953 – CIA installed the Shah as a dictator, hated by Iranians.
  + Uprising to topple the Shah, installed the Islamic Republic of Iran.
  + Carter offers treatment to the Shah in America.
  + Iran Hostage Crisis – 400 Iranians seize the embassy and held 50 Americans hostage for 444 days.
    - Cater launches failed rescue mission.
    - Hostages released on Reagan’s Inauguration.

**Chapter 41!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Ronald Reagan crushes Carter in 1980.**

* Used to be an actor and a New Deal Democrat.
* Worked for General Electric and became Republican.
* “Reagan Revolution” – new conservative movement.
* Denounced big government and social engineering.
* The “New Right” conservative coalition headed by Christians to get back at immoral 1960s stuff.
* Moral Majority – Jerry Falwell’s conservative Christian party.

**Reagan Cold War – Bellicose Rhetoric**

* Ramps it up.
* Spends tons of money on nuclear technology and Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars).
* Try to keep up with our economy USSR, I dare you!
* Iran-Contra Scandal – freed hostages from terrorists by selling the terrorists weapons and using the money to fund the Contra rebel movement against the Sandinistas in Nicaragua.

**Domestic Stuff**

* Reaganomics – Supply Side, Trickle Down, Andrew Mellon ideas – Deregulation and tax cuts.
* Lots of military spending, cuts to social programs.
* Lots of budget deficits, triples national debt, largest borrowing nation.
* Reagan crushed Mondale (with 1st female VP) in 1984.
* Black Monday (1987) – massive stock market drop.
* Challenger Explosion (1986) – Space Shuttle broke, killed 7.
  + Hurt NASA’s reputation and grounds space shuttle efforts for 32 months.

**Court Stuff**

* Conservative – restrictions on abortion, reduce affirmative action.

**More Cold War Stuff in his 2nd term.**

* Mikhail Gorbachev – new reform minded Russian president.
* Glasnost – openness in government, perestroika – economic restructuring.
* INF Treaty – eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles.
* Berlin Wall goes down.

**Reagan Legacy**

* He changed the economy away from welfare and government action.
* He fought the Soviets, then negotiated awesome gains.
* Practical and a great communicator.

**1988 Election – George H.W. Bush defeats Dukakis.**

* No new taxes – yeah right Bush.

**The First Bush**

* Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty / START - cuts to nuclear weapons.
* Fall of the USSR (1991) – COLD WAR IS OVER.
* Persian Gulf War – US used to support Saddam Hussein.
  + Hussein invades Kuwait.
  + Operation Desert Storm – UN coalition attacked everything with bombs and ground troops.
  + War ends in a month or so, Saddam Hussein withdraws from Kuwait.
* Americans with Disabilities Act – self-explanatory.
* Appoints Clarence Thomas to the SC.
* New Taxes, Bush lied. Wamp Wamp.

**Election of 1992 – Bush v Clinton V Perot**

* Clinton the moderate Democrat.
* Perot who hated NAFTA and debt.
* “It’s the economy, stupid” – Clinton’s campaign slogan. Recession in early 1990s meant Bush couldn’t win.
* Clinton Wins and Democrats control congress.

**Clinton**

* Background – Hillary did a healthcare plan; Bill is the 1st Baby Boomer POTUS.
* “New Democrat” – welfare reform, pro defense spending, tougher on crime.
* Appointed Janet Reno (1st Female Attorney General) and Ruth Bader Ginsburg (2nd female SC Justice).
* “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” – Gays can serve in the army, but not openly.
* Gun Control – Brady Bill (1993) – background checks and Federal Assault Weapons Ban (1994) for 10 years.
* 1994 Mid-Term Elections – Conservative Backlash and election winnings.
  + Newt Gingrich – GOP Speaker.
  + “Contract with America” – reducing deficits and cutting welfare.
* Welfare Reform Act (1996) – requiring recipients to find work in 2 years to receive aid. Better child support payments, lifetime limit of 5 years.
* Election of 1996, Clinton beats Dole.
* Economic Boom Times – 1990s are the longest period of peacetime growth.
* Budget surpluses, internet and wall street boom.
* North America Free Trade Agreement – 1994, eliminated tariffs between Canada and Mexico, free trade and investment opportunities.
  + Most economists say NAFTA benefited the North American continent.
* World Trade Organization – free trade all over the place.
* 1990s improved relationship with China.
* 1st World Trade Center Bombing – terrorists killed 6 and injured 1,000+.
* Oklahoma City Bombing (1995) – 2 radical right wing American Terrorists, killed 168.
* Columbine H.S. School Shooting (1999) – worst school shooting in US history until VA Tech 2007.
* US and NATO in Serbia – Slobodan Milosevic – president of Serbia, ethnic cleansing, killed 100,000s. Bombed by NATO and Milosevic died in trial for war crimes.
* Monica Lewinsky Scandal and Impeachment (1995-1998) – Clinton “I did not have sexual relations with that woman.”
  + House of Rep. impeaches Clinton – not removed.
  + Approval rating peaks at 73% at this time.
* Legacy – Strongest economy, globalized economy, impeachment, 65% approval rating.
* 2000 election – George Bush v. Al Gore v. Ralph Nader (green party).
  + Al Gore – social security, Medicaid, pay off debt.
  + Bush – tax cuts, continuation of the conservative trends.
  + Nader – Green party, seat belt advocate.
  + Florida debacle – vote was close enough for an automatic recount.
  + Bush v. Gore – 5 to 4 to stop recounts.
    - Supreme Court decided an election :O
    - Bush is a minority president.