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The Resurgence of
Conservatism, 1980-
1992

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In the 1980 national elections,

1. third-party candidate John Anderson won three states and seventeen Electoral College votes.
2. Ronald Reagan won the presidency by the closest margin since the Kennedy-Nixon election of 1960.
3. Ronald Reagan won a landslide victory against incumbent President Carter and third-party candidate John Anderson.
4. Ronald Reagan won but failed to carry either house of Congress for the Republicans.

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Hint: See page 968.

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Reagan's "supply side economics" was based on the theory that

1. using federal funds to purchase oil and gas supplies would stimulate the economy.
2. cutting federal taxes would stimulate the economy and eventually produce more tax revenue and a balanced budget.
3. cutting the federal budget would create a greater supply of venture capital for entrepreneurs.
4. expanding the money supply would stimulate the economy and enable borrowers to pay off their loans with "cheaper" dollars.

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Reagan's "supply side economics" was based on the theory that

2. cutting federal taxes would stimulate the economy and eventually produce more tax revenue and a balanced budget.

Hint: See page 970.

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The greatest military disaster of the Reagan era occurred when

1. bombers killed more than two hundred U.S. Marines in Lebanon.
2. several hundred soldiers and Marines were killed in the invasion of Grenada.
3. an American jet was shot down over the Soviet Union.
4. American forces became bogged down in a guerilla war against leftist rebels in El Salvador.

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Hint: See page 972.

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1. economic reform and freedom of speech and press
2. ethnic autonomy and civil rights
3. a multi-party democracy and honest local government
4. Internet access and high-tech communications

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Hint: See page 973.

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One of the important economic legacies of the 1980s was

1. a reversal of the trend toward growing federal deficits.
2. a growing gap in income between rich and poor and a growing squeeze on the middle class.
3. a greater American autonomy and less dependence on international trade.
4. rising wages for the unionized working class.

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2. a growing gap in income between rich and poor and a growing squeeze on the middle class.

Hint: See page 976.

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In the 1988 election, George H. W. Bush essentially ran on a platform of

1. restoring a balanced budget after the Reagan deficits.
2. continuing the Reagan legacy of tax cuts, social and cultural conservatism, and a tough foreign policy.
3. conservative economics but greater moderation on abortion and other cultural questions.
4. reviving the American economy and projecting American power into the Middle East.

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Hint: See page 979.

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1. East Germany.
2. Hungary.
3. Romania.
4. Poland.

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4. Poland.

Hint: See page 980.

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The greatest crisis that faced the former Communist lands of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union was

1. ethnic violence among once-suppressed groups.
2. leftover nuclear weapons.
3. a possible invasion by Western forces.
4. the rise of militant Islam on their territories.

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1. U.S. aid for rebels against the leftist government of Nicaragua.
2. the American policy of refusing to trade arms for U.S. hostages in the Middle East.
3. the attitude of American Christian and Jewish leaders toward Iran's Islamic Revolution.
4. the U.S. economic boycott of Fidel Castro's Cuba.

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Hint: See pages 974–975.

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Most of the American military's
“Operation Desert Storm” was
launched from a massive staging
ground in

1. the Persian Gulf.
2. Saudi Arabia.
3. Iran.
4. Kuwait.

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2. Saudi Arabia.

Hint: See pages 984–985.