

AP United States History

Nixon's Foreign and Domestic Policy and Watergate

- Détente — Thawing of Cold War under Nixon
 - Agreement w/ Soviets that West Berlin would become independent, US Recognizes East Germany
 - SALT: Strategic Arms Limitation Talks; Nixon begins the talks
- American Involvement in Yom Kippur War
 - America actively supports Israel, both politically and militarily from beginning
 - Nixon orders that American arms be airlifted to Israel
 - Can be seen as a proxy war between US-backed Israel and Soviet-Supported Egypt
- Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — OPEC
 - Arab producing countries cut off exports to the United States
 - Largely in retaliation to the Yom Kippur War involvement
 - OPEC increases price of oil
- Economy under Nixon
 - Stagflation: Stagnation of a slowing economy and inflation
 - Mr. Molk incorrectly attributes this to a disproven Keynesian economic theory when in fact aggregate supply had shifted left due to higher oil prices, although it is always fun to blame someone else for your mistakes.
- Watergate
 - "Plumbers" were Nixon's squad of undercover agents
 - They raided the psych office of Daniel Ellsberg, who turned in the Pentagon Papers
 - Then the offices of Democratic hopefuls, DNC at the Watergate complex and lies about it
- 1974: House Judiciary Committee votes for articles of impeachment
- Nixon resigns on August 8th, 1974 so he didn't get impeached or convicted
 - Ironically, Nixon did watergate to win the election, but he won in a landslide
 - Results in decline in trust of government

- Camp David Accords — 1978
 - Considered a triumph for Carter's Presidency
 - Brokers peace deal between Egypt and Israel over tensions in the region
- Iran Hostage Crisis — 1979
 - November 4th, 1979: Angry mob of young Islamic revolutionaries overran the US Embassy in Tehran, taking more than 60 Americans hostage
 - Hostage crisis was the most dramatic in series of crises during presidency
 - Hostages held for 444 days and released day Carter leaves office