

AP United States History

Reagan and Cold War

- Reagan And the Soviets
 - Reagan administration pursues reinvigorated anti-Communist and interventionist foreign policy set the tone for later administrations
 - Greater military spending, defense, action
- Iran-Contra Affair — 1986
 - In press conference, Government announces Iran-Contra: \$10-30 million of profits from sale of US arms to Iran diverted to contra rebels in Nicaragua
 - Sent through Swiss Bank Account
 - Done because it was believed Congress wouldn't approve
 - Oliver North takes the fall for Reagan
- Reagan Switches to Peaceful Terms
 - Desires peaceful relationships with USSR under Gorbachev
 - Perestroika and glasnost make USSR more open and free
 - Arms reduction under both, SALT II, IMF treaties
- President George HW Bush — 1988-1992
 - Republican president, no new taxes
 - Military success in Kuwait
 - Economic slump in 1990 costs him the reelection
- Fall of the Soviet Union
 - Berlin Wall falls in 1989, reuniting Germany
 - Soviet Union falls on 26 December 1991, and Yeltsin leads Russian Federation
- Domestic Terrorism
 - Waco Texas — Branch Davidians stockpile weapons and leads to 77 deaths
 - Oklahoma City Bombing — 1995, 2nd anniversary of Waco at OKC federal building kills 168
- Balkan Wars
 - 1992— Serbs lead ethnic cleansing against Croatian and Muslim neighbors

- Leads to NATO bombing and 60,000 troops to be placed
- Yugoslavia breaks up and forms new states as a result
- Clinton Scandals — 1992-2000
 - 1994 embroiled in potential scandal involving a land deal
 - Whitewater: Scandal involving days as governor of Arkansas
 - Affair with White House intern, Monica Lewinsky
 - Leads to the second impeachment of a president
- North American Free Trade Agreement
 - Agreement between Canada, Mexico, and US about free trade
 - Signed under President Clinton
- George W Bush Highlights and Lowlights
 - Bush v Gore Election
 - 9/11: War on Terror and wars in Afghanistan + Iraq
 - PATRIOT Act: Liberty vs Privacy
 - Considered to be an unpopular president