U.S. Politics: 1980-2000 Review

1. What crisis did Reagan “walk into” when he became president?

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2. What was Reagan’s platform for running for president?

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3. What did he believe was the key to America’s financial recovery?

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4. What term did Reagan use to describe the Soviet Union?

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5. Why was Reagan called “the Great Communicator?”

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6. What was supply-side economics?

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7. What was another name for this economic philosophy?

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8. Why was it called this?

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9. What did this economic philosophy end up being called?

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10. What was a down side to Reagan’s economic policy?

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11. What else did he do to try and stimulate the economy?

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12. What fears did Reagan inadvertently foster through his aggressive defense policies?

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13. What program did Reagan try to develop?

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14. What did Reagan do to stop further encroachment of communism into central America?

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15. What was the Iran-Contra Affair?

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16. What did President Reagan do that normally wasn’t done in situations such as this?

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17. What controversial measure did he do?

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18. What discovery made the situation even more controversial?

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19. What was Ronald Regan’s challenge to Mikel Gorbachev?

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20. How did Gorbachev respond to Regan’s influence?

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21. What ultimately happened to East Germany?

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22. Who won the election of 1988?

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23. What platform did Bush use to win?

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24. What background did George Bush have that made him a good candidate for foreign affairs?

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25. What ultimately came back to haunt him?

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26. What is meant by the term downsizing?

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27. What trade agreement did President Bush support?

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28. What did NAFTA propose?

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29. What did Saddam Hussein do to gain oil revenue after his country’s oil fields were devastated by war?

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30. What was United Nations response to this invasion?

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31. What is an embargo?

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32. What did the U.S. do in response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait?

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33. Who won the presidential election in 1992?

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34. What contributed to Clinton’s win?

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35. What did Clinton mean when he said he was a “new Democrat?”

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36. What was one of Clinton’s promises made right after becoming president

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37. Who did he appoint to oversee health care reform?

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38. What was her proposed solution for health care?

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39. What happened to her proposed plan?

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40. What was the result of Clinton’s humiliating health care defeat and large tax increase?

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41. What did the Republicans promise the American people?

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42. What happened when the Republicans vetoed Clinton’s budget?

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43. What was Clinton’s welfare reform bill?

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44. What did Clinton do that ended up getting him impeached?

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45. What was the result of the impeachment proceedings?

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46. Who ran in the 2000 election?

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47. Who won the election?

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48. What was George W. Bush’s presidential platform?

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