U.S. Politics: 1980-2000 Review

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

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where 66 Americans were taken hostage from the embassy in Iran.

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

A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Federal Government and less \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He believed in strengthening the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the country and took a hard stance against the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

The belief that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the key to their success.

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

\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Because of his ability to convey his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**6.** What was supply-side economics?

The belief that steep tax cuts would encourage more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**7.** What was another name for this economic philosophy?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**8.** Why was it called this?

It was believed that if those \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prospered then they would create more jobs for those in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

He built up a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the transportation and banking industries and \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he thought were government waste.

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

People had increased fears of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**13.** What program did Reagan try to develop?

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, also called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

He sent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into Grenada to stop Cuban backed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**15.** What was the Iran-Contra Affair?

In 1984 and 1985, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Lebanon were taken hostage by captors loyal to Iran.

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

The U.S. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

17. What controversial measure did he do?

He secretly provided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Iran to fight its war with Iraq in exchange for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

18. What discovery made the situation even more controversial?

Arms were being supplied to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Nicaragua to fight \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

If you seek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Tear down this wall!

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

He rewrote outdated policies that granted increased \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and addressed the country’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**21.** What ultimately happened to East Germany?

In 1989, the communist government was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the wall was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**22.** Who won the election of 1988? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

23. What platform did H. W. Bush use to win?

He promised to continue the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ movement.

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

He was a former \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to China making him well versed in foreign policy.

**25.** What ultimately came back to haunt him?

He pledged not to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but did.

26. What is meant by the term downsizing?

The trend that began under George H. W. Bush where companies tried to fight inflation by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in their companies.

**27.** What trade agreement did President H. W. Bush support?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

28. What did NAFTA propose?

Eventually getting rid of tariffs and others barriers between the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

He invaded the neighboring country of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**30.** What was United Nations response to this invasion?

An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Iraqi oil.

31. What is an embargo?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or purchase of.

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

It sent in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to take the country back.

**33.** Who won the presidential election in 1992? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**34.** What contributed to Clinton’s win?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ running as a third party candidate, taking votes from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

He did not take on all of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Democrat views. Clinton supported traditionally Republican views such as success being based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

He promised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for every working American

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

His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

38. What was her proposed solution for health care?

A giant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

39. What happened to her proposed plan?

Congressional Republicans shot it down saying that it would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ health care choices.

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

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ won both the House and the Senate

41. What did the Republicans promise the American people?

That they would restore the government to the way it was under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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

Public opinion favored Clinton leading to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**43.** What was Clinton’s welfare reform bill?

It placed restrictions on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It also placed limitations on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you could be on welfare and offered incentives for working.

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

He lied about an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he had with an intern.

**45.** What was the result of the impeachment proceedings?

The House of Representatives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him, but the Senate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him allowing him to finish out his term in office.

**46.** Who ran in the 2000 election?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

47. Who won the election?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the most narrow margin in history.

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

That he would embrace a policy of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”