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**Unit 12: Modern Politics Guided Reading Questions**

**Richard Nixon’s Presidency: Visits China**

1. What are 2 reasons that Nixon won the Election of 1968?

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1. What helped Nixon win a second term?
2. What led to the anti-war movement regaining support in 1970?
3. What country did the U.S. invade in 1970?
4. What happened at Kent State University?
5. What was Nixon’s foreign policy goal?
6. What country did Nixon want to normalize relations with?
7. When did Nixon take a trip to China?
8. Who went on the trip with Nixon?
9. Which 2 leaders did Nixon meet with while on the trip?
10. What was the One China Policy?
11. What did Nixon’s visit to China lead the Soviet Union to do?

**Richard Nixon’s Presidency: War Powers Act**

1. Why was Congress powerless through much of the Vietnam War?
2. When was the War Powers Act passed?
3. What are 2 provisions/requirements under the War Powers Act?

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**Richard Nixon’s Presidency: The Watergate Scandal**

1. When was Nixon reelected to a 2nd term?
2. Who did Nixon’s reelection campaign take illegal contributions from?
3. What offices did Nixon authorize the burglary of during the campaign?
4. What were the burglars trying to do?
5. What did Nixon and his administration try to do about the scandal after he was elected?
6. Why did Nixon resign from office?
7. When did Nixon resign from office?

**Document Analysis 1**

1. Who is illustrated in this cartoon?
2. What is broken and is being put back together?
3. What is he using to put it back together?

**Gerald Ford’s Presidency**

1. Who took over as President after Nixon resigned?
2. How many years did Ford serve as a Congressman from Michigan?
3. Who did he replace as VP?
4. Why did Ford decide to pardon Nixon of any federal criminal wrong-doing?
5. What were 4 implications of the Watergate Scandal?

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1. Who won the Presidential Election of 1976?
2. What are 3 positive outcomes that came from the Watergate Scandal?

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1. What happened to South Vietnam in 1975?

**Jimmy Carter’s Presidency: The Camp David Accords**

1. Carter based his foreign on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. What did the Camp David Accords end?
3. What 2 leaders signed a peace treaty during the Camp David Accords?
4. Where was Camp David located?
5. How long did the negotiations last?
6. What did Egypt agree to do in the treaty?
7. What did Israel agree to do in the treaty?

**Jimmy Carter’s Presidency: Iran Hostage Crisis**

1. What led to a break in U.S.-Iranian relations?
2. What happened to the Iranian government in 1979?
3. What are 2 reasons why the Islamic fundamentalists hate the U.S.?

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1. What did Iranians seize control of in November 1979?
2. What happened to the embassy staff?
3. What contributed to why Carter lost re-election in 1980?

**Document Analysis 2**

1. What happened to the birds?
2. What does the author mean by “It was a spring without voices.”?
3. What happened to the roadsides?
4. What does the author mean by “Even the streams were now lifeless.”?
5. What happened to the fish?
6. What was the white granular powder that had fallen like snow upon the roofs and lawns?
7. Who is the author and what book is this quote from?

**Creation of the Environmental Protection Agency**

1. What two events led to the modern environmental movement?
2. Who was Rachel Carson?
3. What led Rachel Carson to write Silent Spring?
4. What impact did Rachel Carson’s work have on society and the environment?
5. Who was Senator Gaylord Nelson?
6. How many American participated in the first Earth Day?
7. When was the first “Earth Day” celebrated?
8. The massive support for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brought on by the publication of Silent Spring and the development of Earth Day led to the creation of the United States \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the passage of the Clean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Clean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Endangered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Acts.
9. What are 3 responsibilities of the EPA?

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**National Organization for Women**

1. Which part of the Civil Rights Act of 164 forbids discrimination of women?
2. What is the EEOC?
3. Who were the founders/creators of the National Organization for Women (NOW)?
4. When was NOW created?
5. What does NOW’s Statement of Purpose state?
6. What are 4 national goals set by NOW?

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**Ronald Reagan’s Presidency: Reaganomics**

1. What did Reagan pledge to do as President?
2. What was one basic principle of Reagan’s domestic policy?
3. President Reagan held that if Americans had more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to spend, then the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would improve.
4. What were 4 key components to Reaganomics?

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**Document Analysis 3**

1. What ship is sinking?
2. What are the small rescue boats representing in the cartoon?

**Ronald Reagan’s Presidency: Collapse of the Soviet Union**

1. What was the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)?
2. What caused the Soviet Union’s economy to decline?
3. Who did Reagan persuade to lower the price of crude oil?
4. How did this impact the Soviet Union?
5. Who was Mikhail Gorbachev?
6. What was Perestroika and Glasnost?
7. What kind of agreement was made between the U.S. and the Soviet Union?
8. How did Gorbachev’s reforms impact the Soviet Union?
9. What happened to the Eastern European satellite states of the Soviet Union?
10. By 1989, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ War was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. How many terms did Reagan serve?
12. Who was elected in 1988?
13. What war took place in 1991?
14. Who was elected President in 1992?

**Bill Clinton’s Presidency: Impeachment**

1. What was one of the highlights of Clinton’s Presidency?
2. Bill Clinton became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ president in the United States history to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. What 2 crimes was Clinton charged with?

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1. What were these charges based on?
2. Did the Senate find Clinton guilty?
3. Was Clinton removed from office or did he finish his second term?
4. Who was elected President in 2000?

**Document Analysis 4**

1. What happened on September the 11th?
2. According to the quote, what are Americans asking?
3. What is the name of the terrorist group that attacked the U.S.?
4. Who is the author of this quote?

**Presidency of George W. Bush: Terrorist Attacks on 9/11**

1. Who did Bush ran against in the Presidential Election of 2000?
2. Who won the Electoral College vote?
3. Who won the popular vote?
4. What state had to recount their votes?
5. What did the Supreme Court rule regarding Gore’s request to hand count the questionable ballots?
6. What did the terrorist use as weapons to attack the U.S. on 9/11?
7. What buildings were hit in New York and in Washington, D.C.?

**Presidency of George W. Bush: War on Terrorism**

1. What are 2 parts of the Patriot Act?

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1. What Executive Department did Bush create in response to the 9/11 attacks?
2. What operation was authorized by Bush in October 2001?
3. What was the name of Afghanistan’s government?
4. Where were American troops sent to fight in March 2003?
5. Who was Saddam Hussein?
6. Were any weapons of mass destruction found during Operation Iraqi Freedom?

**Technological Changes**

1. When was the first computer designed?
2. What was this device known as?
3. Why was the first computer not practical for widespread consumer use?
4. What was developed in 1971?
5. What was the silicon chip the size of?
6. What 2 developments in technology became popular in the 1980’s and 1990’s?
7. Home computers became more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and practical in their capability for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ use.
8. What form of communication emerged from the development of the Internet in the mid 1990’s?
9. What is Social Media?
10. What are 4 popular Social Media platforms?

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1. What are some of the concerns/problems with Social Media?

**Presidential Election of 2008**

1. What were the primary issues surrounding the 2008 Presidential campaign?
2. How much money was spent on the war in Iraq?
3. Why was the Presidential Election of 2008 considered to have a historic outcome?
4. What was Barack Obama’s campaign platform?
5. What state did Obama serve as senator for 1 term?
6. Where did Barack Obama attend college?
7. Who did Obama run against in the 2008 election?
8. Who did Obama run against in the 2012 election?
9. How many terms did Obama serve as President?
10. What was one of the major outcomes of Obama’s Presidency?
11. What was Obama’s foreign policy highlighted by?
12. What happened on May 11, 2011?

**Document Analysis 5**

1. What state provided McCain with the most votes in the 2008 election?
2. What state provided Obama with the most votes in the 2008 election?
3. How many total electoral votes did McCain win?
4. How many total electoral votes did Obama win?