

1970s & 1980s Review Sheet

What should you use to study?

- The Presidency of Richard Nixon Powerpoint notes
- 1970s Economic Challenges notes
 - Notes are based off of 2 readings in Classroom, 1 slideshow on consumerism & 1 handout on “stagflation” (if your notes aren’t solid, look at the readings/sources)
- Political Challenges of the 1970s Powerpoint notes
- Reagan Powerpoint notes
- Women’s Liberation Movement Powerpoint notes

Key Questions:

1. Why were people increasingly distrustful of government/politicians by the 1970s?
2. What economic challenges faced the nation in the 1970s? (LOOK AT 1970s ECONOMIC CHALLENGES NOTES)
3. What efforts did the presidents of the 1970s make to address these issues? How successful were they?
 - a. **Richard Nixon:**
 - i. Why did Nixon feel a need to bring back “law and order” when he became president in 1968?
 - ii. What did Nixon do to “reverse the flow of power and resources” away from the federal govt. and to state/local govts.? (**New Federalism**)
 - iii. Watergate: How did the **Watergate** break-in and cover-up impact Nixon’s administration, the presidency itself, and the American people as a whole?
 - b. **Gerald Ford:**
 - i. What domestic and international challenges did Ford face while in office and how did he respond to those challenges?
 - ii. Ford was often regarded as a bumbler – why was this? How did his physical awkwardness mirror some of the gaffes made while in office?
 - c. **Jimmy Carter:**
 - i. Carter used both the media and the fact that he was a Washington outsider to his advantage in the 1976 election. Many regarded Carter as a stark contrast from his predecessors. Consider why this was and how it was important.
 - ii. What achievements did Carter make in the areas of Middle East peace?
 - iii. What impact did the conflict in Iran (**hostage crisis**) have on Carter’s administration?
4. **Ronald Reagan:**
 - a. What efforts did Ronald Reagan make to reform the federal government during his administration?
 - i. How successful was he in this effort?
 - ii. Who benefited and who suffered?
 - b. What efforts did Reagan take to end the Cold War and make America stronger?

5. Consider the political shift from Left to Right that happened between the 1960s and 1980s. What contributed to this shift and how did it play out in national politics?
6. What challenges did women's rights activists face in the 1970s and 1980s? How did they address those issues? What, if any, achievements were made during this time?

Key Terms *(In addition to the terms underlined/ bolded above, you should study the following terms.)*

Pentagon Papers

Plumbers

New Right

Reaganomics

AIDS

National Organization for Women

Strike for Equality

Equal Rights Amendment

Roe v. Wade

Title IX

Billie Jean King & the Battle of the Sexes