

American History Chapter 28: The Conservative Resurgence 1980 – 1993

U.S. History Objectives, North Carolina SCS

11.03: Identify major social movement's including, but not limited to, those involving women, young people, and the environment, and evaluate the impact of these movements on U.S. society.

12.01: Summarize significant events in foreign policy since the Vietnam War

12.02: Evaluate the impact of recent constitutional amendments, court rulings, and federal legislation on U.S. citizens.

12.03: Identify and assess the impact of economic, technological, and environmental changes in the U.S.

By 1980 public discontent with liberal programs, from welfare to school busing had grown considerably. Many middle – and working-class in particular, felt that the reforms enacted in the 1960's and carried out in the 1970's threatened the American dream. In Chapter 28 you will learn how the Conservative movement in American grew and came into power. In section 1, you will learn what factors caused the Conservative movement to grow in American society. In section 2 with the election of a charismatic conservative president you will learn what political and social changes take place within America. In section 3, you will discover how the Cold War ends and what factors led to this event. In section 4, the reader will be shown what new directions and challenges face American foreign policy after the Cold War.

Section 1: The Conservative Movement Grows:

- Use web links or your text book to define the following: Moral Majority, New Right, liberal, conservative, Ronald Reagan
- Create an outline like the one located on page 944 to assist you in summarizing the rise of the conservative movement.
- Analyze the reasons behind the rise of conservatism in the early 1980's.

Section 2: The Reagan Revolution:

- Use web links or your text book to define the following: supply-side economics, deregulation, voucher, AIDS, budget deficit, national debt
- Create a graphic organizer like the one on page 949 to assist you in identifying the main ideas behind Reagan's policies.
- Summarize how Reagan strengthened the conservative movement.

Section 3: The End of the Cold War:

- Use web links or your text book to define the following: SDI, Contras, Mikhail Gorbachev, glasnost, perestroika, Iran-Contra affair
- Draw a flowchart like the one on page 955. As you read this section use the flowchart to sequence major events related to the fall of the Soviet Union.
- Explain why communism collapsed in Europe and in the Soviet Union.

Section 4: Foreign Policy After the Cold War:

- Use web links or your text book to define the following: Manuel Noriega, Tiananmen Square, apartheid, Nelson Mandela, Saddam Hussein, Operation Desert Storm

- Create a chart like the one on page 961 to summarize Bush's major foreign policy decisions
- Summarize the Persian Gulf War and its results.