

Exam Review: 1950 to the Present

Key Terms and People: Cold War, Containment, Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan, NATO, Berlin Airlift, Korean War, 2nd Red Scare, Joseph McCarthy, HUAC, National Defense and Education Act, Interstate Highway System, G.I. Bill, Baby Boom, Military Industrial Complex, Levittown, Civil Rights Movement, Montgomery Bus Boycott, Martin Luther King Jr. Stokely Carmichael, “Black Power,” Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act of 1965, 24th Amendment, Affirmative Action, John F. Kennedy, Bay of Pigs, Cuban Missile Crisis, Lyndon Johnson, Great Society, Warren Court, Vietnam War, Domino Theory, Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, Tet Offensive, My Lai Massacre, Richard Nixon, Vietnamization, Kent State Massacre, New York Times v. United States, War Powers Act, Betty Friedan, ERA, Roe v. Wade, Détente, Watergate, United States v. Nixon, Energy Crisis, stagflation, Iranian Hostage Crisis, Camp David Peace Accords, Ronald Reagan, “Reagan Revolution”, Reaganomics

1. Why did Truman use atomic weapons against Japan?
2. Evaluate the success of containment with regard to Asia and Europe during the 1940s and 50s.
3. What were the cold war fears of Americans during the 1950's and 60's? How did these fears affect people's lives?
4. Explain the reasons for the growth of Suburbia during the late 1940's and 50's.
5. What were the goals of the Civil Rights Movement (1954-1968)? Why is the movement sometimes called the “2nd Reconstruction”?
6. Explain the tactics used by Civil Rights Activists.
7. What were the successes of the Civil Rights Movement? Failures?
8. Explain the significance of the Warren Court. Explain 4 important decisions of the Warren Court.
9. What were the goals of Johnson's Great Society? Explain Three important programs of the Great Society.
10. Why did Johnson escalate U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War? Explain why public opinion changed during the war. What were the significant results of the War?
11. Explain the goals of the Woman's Liberation movement of the 1960's and 70's. To what extent were their goals achieved?
12. Explain Richard Nixon's foreign policy toward the Communist World?
13. Explain the Watergate Scandal. How did it affect Americans view of government?
14. How did events in the Middle East affect the United States during the 1970s?
15. Why is Reagan's election to the presidency in 1980 sometimes referred to as the “Reagan Revolution”?