

Chapter 29 & 30 Study Guide Questions & Review
AP US History – Dual Credit
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Directions: This assignment will be completed and count as a quiz grade for this unit. We will NOT have a reading quiz over chapters 29 & 30. Additionally, this assignment will count as the review for the Unit II Exam. The material included here will be the basis for the Unit II multiple choice exam on April 28th.

- 1. This is a group assignment, but each student must have answers to each of these questions below in their own handwriting.*
- 2. ALL ANSWERS MUST BE HAND WRITTEN. No type-written answers will be accepted. (Studies show that slowing down to write things in your own handwriting increases the actual learning of the material.)*
- 3. Answers should be written on separate sheets of paper, not on this assignment sheet.*
- 4. Answers must be in complete sentences, but you do not need to rewrite the questions.*
- 5. The assignment is due at the beginning of class on Thursday April 28th.*

Chapter 29: CIVIL RIGHTS, VIETNAM, AND THE ORDEAL OF LIBERALISM

Study Questions

1. Describe John F. Kennedy's background and his plans for domestic legislation. How did Congress react to his New Frontier?
2. Describe the events surrounding the Kennedy assassination. What did the Warren Commission conclude? What doubts remain?
3. How did Lyndon Johnson differ from Kennedy in personality and in the ability to influence Congress?
4. What was the purpose of Medicare? Why was it controversial?
5. What agency was the "centerpiece" of the Great Society? What new approach to fighting poverty did it bring?
6. What were the main arguments against federal aid to education? How did Johnson's legislation manage to circumvent much of the opposition?
7. How did the effort to fund both the Great Society and a great military establishment affect the federal budget?
8. What did the Great Society accomplish?
9. Describe the increasing civil rights activism of the early 1960s. How did this protest movement lead to "the most important civil rights bill of the twentieth century"?
10. What events prompted passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1965 (Voting Rights Act)?
11. How did the focus of racial issues and the locus of the civil rights movement change in the mid- to late-1960s?
12. Describe the race riots of 1964 to 1967. What response did the Commission on Civil Disorder suggest? What response did many white Americans prefer?
13. What did "black power" mean? What impact did it have on the civil rights movement and on the attitudes of American blacks in general?
14. How did John F. Kennedy's approach to foreign policy contrast with Eisenhower's? What specific programs illustrated that difference?
15. What were the purpose and the result of the Bay of Pigs invasion?
16. What precipitated the Cuban missile crisis? How was it resolved? What was its legacy?
17. Why did Lyndon Johnson send troops to the Dominican Republic? Was the action reminiscent of the interventions in the days of the Roosevelt Corollary?
18. Describe the Diem regime and its war effort up to 1963. What led to the coup and assassination that ended his rule?
19. Recount the stages of Johnson's escalation of the Vietnam War up to 1967. Why did the conflict become a "quagmire"?
20. Why did America's two-fold strategy of "attrition" and "pacification" fail?
21. Describe the war protest movement. How did it move from the streets into Congress and the administration?
22. How did involvement in Vietnam affect the American economy and the Great Society?
23. Why can the Tet Offensive be characterized as "a military victory for the United States, but...a political defeat for the administration"?
24. How did the nation respond to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.?
25. Describe the turmoil within the Democratic Party in 1968. How did Richard Nixon and George Wallace exploit this turmoil and the general national mood in the 1968 presidential election?
26. How have historians differed in their explanations for the involvement of the United States in Vietnam?
27. Why was 1968 such a tumultuous year around much of the world as well as in the United States?

Chapter 30: THE CRISIS OF AUTHORITY

Study Questions

1. What led to the rise of the New Left? How did the Vietnam War and the draft inflame the movement? What were its results?

2. What were the main manifestations of the counterculture of the 1960s? What role did drugs play? To what extent was it "an exaggerated expression of impulses that were coursing through the larger society"?
3. What did the Woodstock and Altamont music festivals reveal about the positive and negative side of the youth culture of the 1960s?
4. Why did most Indians resist "termination"? How successful was the Indian civil rights movement?
5. Describe the influx of Hispanic residents to the U.S. from 1960-2000. What organizational efforts did these groups undertake to improve their conditions?
6. What were the accomplishments of the gay liberation movement? What resistance did it face?
7. What were the legislative victories for women's rights in the early 1960s?
8. What were the radical and more moderate manifestations of the women's liberation movement?
9. What gains did women make in education, the professions, and politics in the 1970s and 1980s?
10. What happened to the Equal Rights Amendment? Why?
11. What brought the abortion controversy to the front burner of American politics in the 1970s?
12. How did the science of ecology differ from more traditional conservatism/environmentalism? How did the ideas of ecology spread?
13. What effect did the growth of ecological science have on existing environmental organizations?
14. Describe the growing awareness of environmental problems such as water pollution, air pollution, and oil spills. What were the public policy responses to these problems? What effects have the policies had?
15. Explain Richard Nixon's "Vietnamization" policy. How well did it work? Why did it defuse some of the opposition to the war?
16. Why did Nixon order the bombing of Laos and Cambodia and the invasion of Cambodia? What direction did the antiwar movement take in reaction to the invasion?
17. What did the Pentagon Papers reveal about the nature of the Vietnam War?
18. What effect did the controversial and inconclusive nature of the war have on the military personnel who served in Vietnam?
19. Describe the bombings from March to December of 1972. What role did they play in the negotiations to end the war? What was the main stumbling block to agreement in late 1972? What did the bombings accomplish?
20. What were the main provisions of the Paris accords in January 1973? How did they fall apart?
21. On balance, what were the costs of the war to Vietnam and the United States?
22. Why did Nixon and Henry Kissinger decide that the time had come for rapprochement with China? What resulted from Nixon's visit and related initiatives?
23. What was the basic thrust of the Nixon Doctrine? What were its implications in Chile?
24. What dilemma of American policy in the Middle East did the Yom Kippur War make clear? What other lessons did the war teach?
25. To what extent was Nixon's domestic policy a mix of conservative reaction to the Great Society and new progressive proposals?
26. What major decisions of the Warren Court most outrage conservatives? What successes and rebuffs did Nixon meet in his attempts to reshape the Supreme Court?
27. In what ways did the Nixon-era court continue to uphold reform efforts? In what ways was it more conservative than the Warren Court had been?
28. What advantages did Nixon have going into the 1972 election? What were George McGovern's political liabilities?
29. What were the proximate and fundamental causes of the inflation problem of the late 1960s and 1970s?
30. Explain how the nation's manufacturing sector and, therefore, the nature of the economy was changing. How did corporate America respond?
31. Describe the general outlines of Nixon's economic policy. Was it consistent? Was it effective?
32. What aspects of Richard Nixon's personality and worldview led to the collection of scandals associated with the Watergate crisis? What other factors, according to some historians, help explain why the Watergate scandal occurred?
33. Which contributed more to the fall of Nixon, the general pattern of abuse of power manifested in Watergate or his attempt to cover up the incident?
34. Why did Spiro Agnew resign? Why did his removal and the appointment of Gerald Ford as vice president actually increase the pressure on Nixon?
35. On what charges would Nixon's probable impeachment and conviction have been based? Why did he finally resign?