

U.S. History

Unit 8 Study Guide

Chapters Covered:

- The Americans - Ch. 26: "Cold War Conflicts"
- The Americans - Ch. 30: "The Vietnam War Years"
- The Americans - Ch. 32: "An Age of Limits"
- The Americans - Ch. 33: "The Conservative Tide"

Lectures Covered:

- How do you fight a Cold War?
- Where were we sending young men to die in the jungles of Southeast Asia?
- What was the Conservative response to an age of change?
- How did we win the Cold War?

Crash Course Videos:

- The Cold War
- The Cold War in Asia
- Economic Malaise
- Conservatism

Key TERMS and FOCUS QUESTIONS:

- United Nations as a 2nd attempt at a functional world body
- The Iron curtain + The West vs East, U.S. and NATO vs. Soviets and Warsaw Pact members
- Primary American and Soviet Values (Democracy, Equality, Capitalism, Individualism, Freedom vs. Collectivism, Socialism, Totalitarianism)
- Proxy Wars of the Cold War (mainly how they functioned, and large ones like Korean and Vietnam)
- Ways that U.S. v. U.S.S.R. competed OFF the battlefield
- The Truman doctrine
- The Marshall Plan
- Berlin Airlift - what was at stake? how did the airlift play out?
- Korean War as a proxy fight for the Cold War (who was involved, etc)
- HUAC
- Joseph McCarthy - what were his strategies and how did people get hurt through them?
- Nikita Khrushchev
- Ho Chi Minh
- Viet Minh & Viet Cong
- Domino theory - what were the fears?
- History of Foreign intervention in Vietnam
- How we slowly got involved in the Vietnam war over a 20 year process
- How Laos and Cambodia factored in to the Vietnam war
- Tonkin Gulf Resolution - how did Congress set in motion the rest of the war?
- Robert McNamara
- ARVN
- Chemical war weapons - napalm and agent orange
- Credibility gap in Vietnam
- SDS and the Free Speech Movement

- Doves and Hawks
- Tet Offensive - what was it, what was the military outcome, what was the overall impact on the war
- 1968 a year of assassinations and turbulence
- Vietnamization
- Invasion of Cambodia
- Kent State as a representation of domestic protest
- The War Powers Act
- Nixon and the Southern Strategy
- The primary goals of the conservative movement of 68-89
- New Federalism
- stagflation and the energy crisis' of '74 and '79
- Détente - why and what were some results of the move in strategy?
- Nixon's foreign policy and visits to China and the Soviet Union
- SALT I Treaty
- Watergate - What was the general situation about and what did subsequent investigations uncover?
- Nixon's resignation and Gerald Ford's pardon
- Camp David Accords
- Fall of the Shah and the Iranian Hostage Crisis
- Earth Day and the environmental movement of the 70s
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Three Mile Island disaster - what concerns did it bring up with energy?
- Moral Majority
- Reaganomics (and how it reflected/included Supply-Side Economics)
- SDI aka "Star Wars"
- Yuppies and the triumph of the individual
- The fear of AIDS in the 80s - what was the social impact?
- Mikhail Gorbachev and glasnost and perestroika
- Primary reasons that led to the Soviet Union's demise
- Communism's continued presence in China
- The United States and the Contras and Sandinistas
- Persian Gulf War - "Operation Desert Storm"