

AP United States History
Units 8 and 9: The Rise of Conservatism
Topic- The Rise of Conservatism, 1945-1992

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The Great Society

- What was the purpose of the Great Society programs?
- Describe four successful Great Society programs or initiatives and their function.
- What were two reasons for conservatives opposing the Great Society programs?

The Youth Culture of the 1960s and the Environmentalist Movement

- What two major events in American life changed the way young people thought about themselves during the 1960s and 1970s?
- What were the youth of the period trying to rebel against during the 1960s and 1970s?
- What inspired the development of the environmentalist movement in America during this period? Name two victories that were achieved by the environmentalist movement during the early 1970s.

The Rise of Conservatism

- Name and explain three factors which led to the rise of conservatism in American society during this period.
- What major political shift occurred in America during the period from 1964-1980?
- What was the impact of the Watergate Scandal on American politics?

Reagan and Conservatism

- What were the goals that Reagan had when he took office in 1981? Name two that he achieved.
- How was Ronald Reagan able to make such a visceral connection with the American people?
- Explain the Iran-Contra Affair. Why were the American people so quick to forgive Reagan after it came to a conclusion?

The End of the Cold War

- Describe three factors which brought the Cold War to an end.
- How did the conclusion of the Cold War impact the United States?
- Describe the role that the Reagan administration played in bringing the Cold War to a conclusion.