## The New Millenium

2001-2016

## Lesson Objectives

Explain the causes and effects of the domestic and international challenges the United States has faced in the 21st century.

In the wake of attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in 2001, the United States launched military efforts against terrorism and lengthy, controversial conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The war on terrorism sought to improve security within the United States but also raised questions about the protection of civil liberties and human rights.

Conflicts in the Middle East and concerns about climate change led to debates over U.S. dependence on fossil fuels and the impact of economic consumption on the environment.

Despite economic and foreign policy challenges, the United States continued as the world's leading superpower in the 21st century.



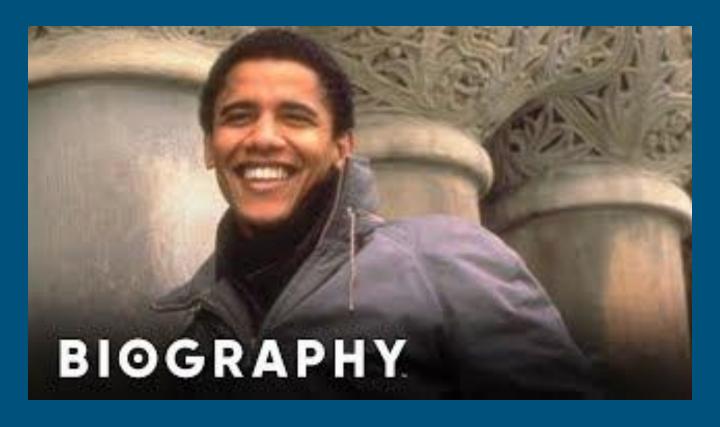
George W. Bush- BIO



The Patriot Act



The Affordable Care Act



Barack Obama- BIO

## Assignment Items

- a. Name three challenges faced by the Bush administration from 2001-2009.
  - Describe how the Bush administration handled each of the challenges that you listed.
- b. Name two major crises that the Obama administration faced from 2009-2017.
  - Describe how the Obama administration handled each of the challenges that you listed.
- c. Name a problem which divides the American people to this day.
  - Explain the historical roots of the problem that you listed above.