**Guide to Understanding US History**

**Goal 10**

**Modern American History**

1. What were the Helsinki Accords? Who was president during this time?
2. When was the nation of Israel founded? How did that affect the relationship between Israel and the rest of the Arab nations in the Middle East?
3. What were the Camp David Accords? Why were the significant to world history? What countries were involved? What leaders?
4. What led to the Iranian Hostage Crisis? How long were the hostages held? When were they released?
5. What was associated with the invasion of Lebanon? What countries were involved?
6. What was decided with the following court cases?
   1. Texas v. Johnson
   2. Swann v. Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools
   3. Bakke v. Regents of University of California
7. What was the Iran Contra Affair? What president was accused of being involved?
8. When did the Berlin Wall come down?
9. What was OPEC? What countries were a part of it? What caused the Energy Crisis of 1973? What was the National Energy Act of 1978?
10. What was SALT I and SALT II?
11. What was the New Right? When did they emerge?
12. What is supply-side economics? What president put these ideas into effect? What did it become known as?
13. What did Reagan call it when he cut back the role of government?
14. What was the Strategic Defense Initiative? What was it more commonly known as?
15. What did the economy fare under Reagan?
16. During the 1980’s, did the amount of African Americans in office go up or down?
17. What happened to the Civil Rights associated with the following groups
    1. Women
    2. African Americans
    3. Homosexuals
18. What was the EU? What did the U.S. set up that was similar?
19. What happened at Three Mile Island?
20. Which president was known as a “Washington Outsider”?
21. Which president was associated with the Savings and Loan Scandal? What was it?
22. Which president was associated with the Whitewater Scandal? What was it?
23. Which president was impeached due to Monica Lewinski?
24. How did each of the following lead to the collapse of the Soviet Union and communism there?
    1. Glasnost
    2. Perestroika
    3. Poland:
    4. Mikhail Gorbachev
    5. Berlin Wall:
    6. Independence of Soviet Republics:
    7. INF Treaty:
    8. START:
    9. Chechnya:
25. What was the New World Order?
26. What were the students in Tiananmen Square fighting for? What country was it in? What happened?
27. What happened with U.S. Shuttle the Challenger?
28. Who is Nelson Mandela? What did he fight against?
29. Who was Clarence Thomas?
30. What did Carter, Reagan, and Bush all do to industry?
31. When did America experience its greatest economic gains of the century?
32. What group attacked the United States on September 11th, 2001? How did the U.S. respond?
33. Why did the U.S. go to war against Iraq?
34. What did Clinton try to reform as president? Was he successful?
35. What began the Persian Gulf War?
36. Who did Bush name the Axis of Evil?
37. What is the World Health Organization?
38. What is globalization in regards to industry mean?
39. What is “reverse discrimination”?
40. Why was the Department of Homeland Security set up? What does the Patriot Act allow? Why was it passed?