

AP US HISTORY
CHAPTER 26 PACKET:
THE TRIUMPH OF
CONSERVATISM,
1969-1988

Take-Home Homework Packet
100 Points

Honor Code

I understand that this is an independent assignment and that I can not receive any assistance from any other person. I will conduct all of my own research and will answer the questions to the best of my ability.

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FOCUS QUESTIONS

What were the major policies of the Nixon administration on social and economic issues?

How did Vietnam and the Watergate scandal affect popular trust in the government?

In what ways did the opportunities of most Americans diminish in the 1970s?

What were the roots of the rise of conservatism in the 1970s?

How did the Reagan presidency affect Americans both at home and abroad?

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which of Nixon's domestic policies did other conservatives oppose, and why?
2. How did the Burger Court modify but not overturn the rights revolution of the 1960s?
3. What were the main features of Nixon's policy of "realism" in dealing with China and the Soviet Union?

4. Describe the basic events and the larger significance of the Watergate scandal.

5. What were the major causes for the decline of the U.S. economy in the 1970s?

6. Compare Carter's and Reagan's explanations for the severe recession of the late 1970s.

7. Identify the groups and their agendas that combined to create the new conservative base in the 1970s and 1980s.

8. What impact did Ronald Reagan have on the American political scene? 9. Why was there growth in economic inequality in the 1980s?

FREEDOM QUESTIONS

1. How did conservatives introduce competing definitions of freedom into the fights for women's rights, especially into the struggle over the Equal Rights Amendment and abortion?
2. What impact did the Reagan Revolution have on the meanings of American freedom?
3. Explain how its supporters defended Reaganomics as a promotion of human liberty.
4. Assess the decisions of the Burger Court on the issue of affirmative action.