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| **Unit 10: Contemporary American History**   |  | | --- | | 1. "I think it will be a safer world and a better world if we have a strong, healthy United States, Europe, Soviet Union, China, Japan, each balancing the other, not playing one against the other, an even balance." -- Richard Nixon, 1972  President Nixon put this idea into practice by   1. expanding economic relations with communist nations 2. abandoning his policy of détente 3. declaring an end to the Korean War 4. ending collective security agreements |  |  | | --- | | 2. What was a major result of the Watergate controversy?   1. Presidential veto power was expanded. 2. The president resigned from office. 3. Congressional power was reduced. 4. The Supreme Court was weakened. |  |  | | --- | | 3. During the Cold War era, the United States and the Soviet Union were hesitant to become involved in direct military conflict mainly because of   1. the threat of China to both nations 2. pressure from nonaligned nations 3. the potential for global nuclear destruction 4. mutual dependence on Middle East petroleum | | 4. President Bill Clinton supported the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) primarily as a way to   1. normalize trade relations with Cuba 2. stimulate economic growth in the United States 3. restrict the flow of drugs into the United States 4. increase the United States trade deficit | |

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| |  | | --- | | Base your answer on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.  http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/ushist/q1801-1.gif?v=20040421094808  6. Which situation faced by President Bill Clinton is expressed in the cartoon?   1. Impeachment hampered his ability to carry out programs. 2. International problems interfered with domestic policy goals. 3. Health care costs took away funds needed for peacekeeping commitments. 4. Budget deficits prevented military action in world trouble spots. |  |  | | --- | | 7. The policy of détente was used by President Richard Nixon in an effort to   1. decrease tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States 2. improve relations with Latin America 3. promote democratic government in China 4. create stronger ties with Western Europe |   -------------- |

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| |  | | --- | | **"Clinton Offers Economic Aid to Russia"**  **"U.S. Sends Peacekeeping Troops to Bosnia"**  **"U.S. Airlifts Food and Medicine to Somalia"**  10. These headlines illustrate that United States foreign policy during the 1990s stressed   1. containment 2. collective security 3. global involvement 4. neutrality | | 11. The main purpose of the War Powers Act of 1973 was to   1. expand the power of Congress to declare war 2. limit the president’s ability to send troops into combat abroad 3. allow people to vote on the issue of United States commitments overseas 4. end the Vietnam War on favorable terms   Base your answer on the chart and on your knowledge of social studies. | |

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| |  | | --- | | 14. How were the presidential elections of 1876 and 2000 similar?   1. The winner of the popular vote lost the electoral vote. 2. Third-party candidates did not affect the outcome. 3. The outcome of the election was decided by Congress. 4. The winner was decided by the Supreme Court. | |

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| |  | | --- | | Base your answer to the question on the cartoon and on your knowledge of social studies.  http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/ushist/q2246.gif?v=20050929043657  17. The point of view expressed in this cartoon is that   1. President and Mrs. Clinton have made Chicago their new home 2. President Clinton supports adoption over abortion 3. Republican issues should not be part of the Democratic National Convention 4. Democrats sometimes support traditionally Republican issues | | 18. "I believe that our young people [18–20 years old] possess a great social conscience, are perplexed by the injustices which exist in the world and are anxious to rectify [correct] these ills."  -- Senator Jennings Randolph, 1971,*The New York Times*  Those who favor this point of view would likely have supported   1. a constitutional amendment extending voting rights 2. a presidential decision to raise speed limits 3. a Supreme Court ruling to reverse desegregation 4. a law passed by Congress to increase Social Security benefits | |  | |

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| |  | | --- | | 19. The Supreme Court decisions in *New York Times Co*.v. *United States* (1971) and *United States* v. *Nixon* (1974) reinforced the principle that the president of the United States   1. has unlimited use of the veto power 2. is protected from unfair media criticism 3. may not be convicted of a crime 4. is not above the law |  |  | | --- | | 20. The dispute over counting Florida voter ballots in the presidential election of 2000 was settled by   1. an order of the governor of Florida 2. an agreement between the candidates 3. a vote of the United States Senate 4. a United States Supreme Court decision |  |  | | --- | | 21. President Richard Nixon’s visit to the People’s Republic of China in 1972 was significant because it   1. convinced the Chinese to abandon communism 2. brought about the unification of Taiwan and Communist China 3. reduced tensions between the United States and Communist China 4. decreased United States dependence on Chinese exports | |

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