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| **Unit 10: Contemporary American History**

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| 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, 1972President Nixon put this idea into practice by1. 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
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| 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.
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| 3. During the Cold War era, the United States and the Soviet Union were hesitant to become involved in direct military conflict mainly because of1. 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
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| 4. President Bill Clinton supported the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) primarily as a way to1. 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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| 5. Support for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) reflected the United States commitment to1. globalization
2. Manifest Destiny
3. collective security
4. isolationism
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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=200404210948086. 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.
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| 7. The policy of détente was used by President Richard Nixon in an effort to1. 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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| 8. ". . . Our decision about energy will test the character of the American people and the ability of the President and the Congress to govern. This difficult effort will be the ‘moral equivalent of war’ -- except that we will be uniting our efforts to build and not destroy. . . ."-- President Jimmy CarterAddress to the Nation, April 18, 1977President Carter put these ideas into practice by1. halting construction of nuclear power plants
2. increasing imports of foreign oil
3. urging the development of alternative fuel sources
4. imposing a price freeze on all petroleum products
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| Base your answer on the cartoon and on your knowledge of social studies.http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/ushist/q1897-1.gif?v=200405211159029. This cartoon from the disputed presidential election of 2000 suggests that the winner might1. lack strong popular support for his programs
2. easily win reelection in 2004
3. succeed in fulfilling his campaign promises
4. be unable to claim victory in the electoral college
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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 stressed1. containment
2. collective security
3. global involvement
4. neutrality
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| 11. The main purpose of the War Powers Act of 1973 was to1. 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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| http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/USHist/q2145.gif?v=20050326064719**Figure 1** |

12. The changes shown on the chart most clearly reflect the1. effects of the Cold War
2. influence of the business cycle
3. failure of United States military policy
4. reverses in political party control of Congress
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| Base your answer to the question on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/ushist/q2200.gif?v=2005072210345413. The cartoonist is trying to encourage American consumers to consider that1. the United States buys more from Japan than Japan buys from the United States
2. cars produced in the United States are often inferior to foreign-made automobiles
3. single purchases of automobiles do not have an impact on calculating foreign trade balances
4. automobile dealerships in the United States should offer more incentives for purchasing American-made cars
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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 table and on your knowledge of social studies.http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/ushist/q2244.gif?v=2005092904365616. Which practice of the federal government has contributed most to the situation shown in the table?1. taking steps to reduce growth of the gross domestic product
2. raising taxes to try to reduce inflation
3. spending more money than is received in revenues
4. lowering taxes during election years
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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=2005092904365717. The point of view expressed in this cartoon is that1. 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
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| 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 supported1. 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 States1. 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
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| 20. The dispute over counting Florida voter ballots in the presidential election of 2000 was settled by1. 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
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| 21. President Richard Nixon’s visit to the People’s Republic of China in 1972 was significant because it1. 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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| Base your answer to the question on the table and on your knowledge of social studies.http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/ushist/q2302.GIF?v=20070301030103**Figure 3** |

22. Which criticism of the electoral college system is illustrated by the information in the table?1. Presidential electors frequently do not vote for the person they were pledged to support.
2. A person can win the presidency without winning the most popular votes.
3. The vote of the people in each state has little relationship to the election outcome.
4. Minor-party candidates often receive too many electoral votes.
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| 23. Which statement best describes an impact of the Watergate scandal on American society?1. The modern environmental movement began.
2. Public trust in government declined.
3. Voter turnout in elections increased.
4. An economic recession ended.
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| **“Gorbachev Proposes Nuclear Arms Reductions”****“Berliners Travel Freely Between East and West”****“Russia Seeks To Join NATO”**24.These headlines are most closely associated with the1. military arms race
2. decline of Cold War hostilities
3. failures of the containment policy
4. successes of communism in the Soviet Union
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| Base your answer to the question on the graph below and on your knowledge of social studies.http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/ushist/q2351.GIF?v=2007030607212325. Information provided by the graph shows that between 1988 and 1993, there was an increased need for candidates of major political parties to win the support of1. ethnic minorities
2. senior citizens
3. independent voters
4. the labor vote
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| 26. Which statement about the impeachment trials of both President Andrew Johnson and President Bill Clinton is most accurate?1. The House of Representatives failed to vote for articles of impeachment.
2. Only President Johnson was convicted and removed from office.
3. Only President Clinton was convicted and removed from office.
4. The Senate failed to convict either president.
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| **“Influence of Political Action Committees Continues to Rise”****“Republicans and Democrats Spend over $100 Million in 2000 Presidential Election”****“Senate Passes Campaign Finance Reform Act”**27. What is the central issue of these headlines?1. Republicans and Democrats spend equal amounts of money.
2. American citizens pay high taxes to support presidential campaigns.
3. Money has a strong impact on the American political process.
4. Candidates spend much of their own money on political campaigns.
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| Base your answer to the question on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/ushist/q2400.GIF?v=2007042703552128. Which issue is the central focus of this cartoon drawn after September 11, 2001?1. Is there a need to give up some civil liberties to protect the nation?
2. Should the United States reduce oil imports from the Middle East?
3. Does the United States need fewer limits on immigration?
4. Should the United States abandon the Constitution?
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| * Announcement of Eisenhower Doctrine (1957)
* Operation Desert Storm (1991)
* Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003 – 2012)

29. These events involve attempts by the United States to1. protect human rights in Europe
2. protect its interests in the Middle East
3. deliver humanitarian aid to Africa
4. contain the spread of communism in Asia
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| Base your answer to the question on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/ushist/q2602.gif?v=2008101401371230. What is the main idea of this cartoon?1. The global economy is on the verge of collapse.
2. Rich nations should help poor nations improve their economic conditions.
3. One nation’s economic problems affect many other nations.
4. Each nation controls its own economic destiny.
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| 31. During the 1990s, an increase in Mexican immigration to the United States was caused by the immigrants’ desire for1. greater political freedom
2. bilingual education
3. better economic opportunities
4. religious freedom
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| Base your answer to the question on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.http://www.castlelearning.com/review/Courses/ushist/q2447.gif?v=20071120124509 |

32. The cartoon illustrates the constitutional principle of1. federalism
2. checks and balances
3. representative government
4. civilian control of the military
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| 33. The economic policies of President Ronald Reagan (1981–1989) and President George W. Bush (2001–2009) are similar in that both1. balanced the federal budget
2. expanded welfare programs to end poverty
3. used tax cuts to encourage economic growth
4. decreased military spending
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| 34. Since the 1990s, the primary issue concerning the health care system in the United States has been the1. increasing cost of medical care
2. shortage of prescription drugs
3. safety of medical procedures
4. reorganization of hospitals
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