

US History 2

Study Guide – The Gipper

Whuzzat?

Can you (a) explain what each of the following terms refer to, and also (b) what their importance or significance is to United States history, especially during the late 1970s and 1980s?

Afghanistan
Foreign Debt
Pink Triangle
School Busing
Stonewall Riot

Coming Out
Iran-Contra
Reaganomics
Southern Strategy
“War on Drugs”

Food Shortage
Leaded Gasoline
Rollback
“Star Wars”
Welfare Queen

Whodey?

Can you (a) briefly describe why the following people were significant in US history, and (b) how they were attempting to influence the United States during the last decades of the Cold War?

Mikhail Gorbachev

Oliver North (Lt.Col)

Phyllis Schlafly

Can you explain?

- (A) How did Nixon’s Southern Strategy help him change voting patterns in the United States? How did he find ways to undermine his political opponents and their supporters?
- (B) Why was there widespread support for Nixon’s “War on Crime”? How do Nixon’s solutions still impact American society today?
- (C) How was Nixon able to expand the category of “white”? Explain at least two (2) strategies.
- (D) Why did Christian Evangelicals enter US politics? How were they able to change the United States government and American society?
- (E) How was the Gay Liberation Movement able to find success in the 1980s and 1990s, even when facing strong opposition from Evangelicals?
- (F) Why was Reagan’s expansion of the military, and opposition to Soviet Russia, seen as incredibly risky? How was he able to convince most Americans to go along with his plans?
- (G) Why did the credibility gap continue to grow throughout the 1980s? Explain at least two (2) causes.
- (H) Why was the United States able to win the Cold War over Soviet Russia? What happened to Soviet Russia and why?