

UNIT VIII (1945-1980) Ch. 31 Student Outline – CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY

1. This is a loaded question...but describe the circumstances around the **2000 presidential elections** (candidates, platforms, how it was disputed, how it was eventually decided) –

2. Describe the effect of the **Bush Tax Cuts** –

3. I'm not even going to ask you about No Child Left Behind because I'm a public school teacher and biased and hate it and it's awful and boo NCLB.
4. Describe the circumstances behind the economic recession in the 2000's –

5. Describe the roots of anti-Americanism that gave rise to **terrorist organizations** –

6. Describe the circumstances behind the American **invasion of Afghanistan** and the effect of the invasion –

7. Describe the purpose of the each of the following:
 - a. **The Patriot Acts** –

 - b. **Department of Homeland Security** –

8. Describe the "**Bush Doctrine**" –

9. Describe how the "Bush Doctrine" was put into effect with the **invasion of Iraq** –

10. Describe the criticism of the **War in Iraq** –

11. Bush won in 2004 because the incumbent usually wins, John Kerry is EXTREMELY boring and looks like a foot...moving on.
12. Explain why it has been difficult to create a stable and American friendly government in both Iraq and Afghanistan –

13. Describe ALL of the circumstances surrounding the loss of popularity of both President Bush and the Republican Party after the 2004 election –

14. Describe the **2008 election** (this is a fun one) –

15. Explain how Obama “bailed out” the American **auto industry** –

16. Describe Obama’s executive orders and how they contradicted policies/ideology under the Bush administration –

17. Explain how the ***American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*** illustrates Keynesian economic ideals (this is the same ideology behind the New Deal so think about it) –

18. Describe how **Dodd-Frank** changed the relationship between government and business and how it was meant to address problems in oversight – (*Look up a picture of Barney Frank, he’s adorable, well when he’s not yelling at Republicans)

19. Okay “Obamacare” here’s your moment to shine. Describe the goal of the ***Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010*** –

20. Do you know the difference between the **debt** and a **deficit**? You do! Tell me –

21. America is ridiculously in debt and China owns us, moving on...
22. What is the **Tea Party** and why, just why?

23. Describe the circumstance behind the resurgence of a Republican majority in Congress and gridlock in Washington –

24. Describe how Obama ended the War in Iraq while escalating the War in Afghanistan

25. Describe the “**Arab Spring**” –

26. How did Obama defeat Mitt Romney in 2012?
27. *Watch Netflix documentary “Mitt” all about Romney in 2012
28. Oh the shutdown...
29. Iran is developing nuclear weapons, we don’t want them to, so sanctions, but that hurts Iranians not the government, so...
30. China is an evil dictatorship!
31. Describe the outcome of the following SC cases –
 - a. ***Shelby County v. Holder*** (that’s Eric Holder the former attorney general):

 - b. ***Citizens United v. FEC***:

 - c. ***Massachusetts v. EPA***:

 - d. ***Obergefell v. Hodges***:

 - e. ***National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius***

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