**Contemporary U.S. and World History**

**Final Exam Review**

1. **Define Détente:**

**The easing of tensions between nations during the Cold War.**

1. **What events are associated with the Watergate Scandal?**

**Nixon Supporters breaking into the DNC offices**

**Nixon resigned from office**

**Ford pardoned Nixon**

1. **What was an overall public feeling toward the Vietnam War and Watergate?**

**The American people lost faith in our government (distrust).**

1. **List some characteristics of the US Economy in the 1970s**

**High inflation and unemployment rates**

1. **What was the significance of the accident that occurred at Three Mile Island?**

**Fewer power plants built**

**Decreased confidence in government and business**

**Improved disaster planning**

1. **President Carter emphasized foreign policy based on**

**Human Rights**

1. **The counterculture movement contributed to the rise of conservatism in the US.**
2. **The following contributed to the end of the Iran Hostage crisis:**

**Reagan’s election to office in 1980 and the death of the Shah of Iran**

1. **Was Ronald Reagan considered a conservative or liberal? Why?**

**Conservative He supported the military smaller government and big business.**

1. **Define Reaganomics:**

**Favors tax reductions for wealthy, increased military spending and social program cuts**

1. **What was the Iran-Contra Scandal in the 1980’s?**

**Arms were traded to Iran in exchange for money to support the Nicaraguan Contras**

1. **Define Perestroika and Glasnost:**

**Perestroika- designed to restructure the Russian economy/free enterprise**

**Glasnost- Soviet policy to openly discuss/criticize politics and the economy**

1. **What was the official end of the Cold War?**

**The breakup of the Soviet Union into 15 independent republics.**

1. **What occurred during the Persian Gulf War?**

**Iraq invaded Kuwait**

**Iraq was ordered to destroy their weapons of mass destruction**

1. **Why was President Clinton impeached?**

**Lying under oath and denying about his affair and later admitting it and many Americans believed he should have been impeached and imprisoned**

1. **List examples of success and failures during Clinton’s presidency:**

**Failed to provide universal health care to the country**

1. **What was significant about the 2000 Presidential Election?**

**Bush’s brother was the governor of Florida and he needed Florida to win**

**The five Supreme Court justices that voted to stop the recount were appointed by republicans**

**Inauguration was delayed five weeks**

1. **What was President Bush’s biggest reason for wanting Saddam Hussein removed from power in Iraq?**

**Iraq had weapons of mass destruction**

1. **List some of the causes of the Arab-Israeli wars.**

**Land and Israel’s right to exist**

**Israel won and expanded its borders because of aid from other countries**

**Israel received aid from other countries to insure it’s success**

1. **What were the Camp David Accord’s?**

**Land for Peace and Egypt became the first Arab state to recognize Israel**

1. **What is the significance of OPEC?**

**Controls oil production quotas and sets oil prices**

1. **The most damaging to President Carter was**

**His mishandling of the Iran Hostage Crisis**

1. **The 9/11 attack on the U.S. resulted in what?**

**Invasion of Afghanistan to remove the Taliban**

**Declaration of war against terrorism**

**Department of Homeland Security-**

1. List three details concerning American-Iranian relations since the 1950’s.

The U.S. supported the Shah of Iran & Saddam Hussein (Iran/Iraq War)

The U.S. does not support Iran’s pursuit of nuclear weapons

Iran supports state sponsored terrorism

1. What was the significance of the Iraq/Iran war during the 1980s?

The U.S. supported Iraq

Both countries competed for regional dominance

Access to the Persian Gulf was a major issue

1. What do North Korea, Iran, and Pakistan all have in common?

Nuclear weapons programs

1. Effects of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan:

1980 of the Summer Olympics in Moscow

The rise of the Taliban as the ruling party in Afghanistan

1. What are the effects of terrorism?

Creates fear

Attack civilians

Used on 9/11

1. List some of the similarities between the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan:

Both lasted much longer and cost more than predicted

Both have experienced declining American support

Both cost billions of dollars

1. What is significant about the Arab Spring in regard to the United States?

The U.S. is concerned about radical Muslim groups taking power in Middle East countries and losing governments favorable to U.S. interests

1. List some examples of U.S. / Chinese relations

Growing economic ties between the two nations

The status of Tiawan

1. Why were the students protesting at Tiananmen Square?

They protested to demand greater individual rights and freedom of expression

1. What are some current concerns in Africa?

AIDS

Poverty

Genocide

1. Who is Nelson Mandela? What system of government did he fight to end in South Africa?

Former president of South Africa who fought to end apartheid

1. What were some factors that ended apartheid?

International economic sanctions

Leadership of Nelson Mandela

Civil disobedience of black South Africans

1. What were some of the results of American intervention in Somalia?

18 U.S. soldiers were killed

Reduced U.S. humanitarian interventions

The U.S. left with Clinton’s order

1. How did the U.S. respond to the genocide occurring in Rwanda?

With relative indifference or lack of action

1. What is one significant outcome of the global economy?

US companies outsourced their work to low wage countries

1. Why do some countries ignore the environmental impact of pollution?

Countries are hesitant to place limitations on their economy

1. What are some of the effects of modern technology?

A growing need for skilled labor

Faster communication and information sharing

Increased interdependence among nations

1. What are some areas of concern in regard to Latin America?

Illegal immigration

Drug trafficking

Free trade agreement

1. What are some current trends in the United States?

Aging population

Slow economy

1. What is the purpose of the European Union?

To promote free trade among its members

1. Since 2003, Iraq has a democratic but very unstable government.
2. The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan led to

1980 boycott of the Olympics

Soviets were defeated

Taliban became the ruling government

1. The Iran/Iraq war included

The US favored Iraq

Competition for regional dominance between two nations

The Persian Gulf was key terrain

1. In 1989 the US invaded Panama to remove Manuel Noriega from power.
2. The terrorist group responsible to the 9-11 attacks were the TALIBAN/Al-Queda.
3. The US invaded Afghanistan to bring those responsible for 9-11 to justice
4. Factors that led to a poor US/Iran relationship

US support of the Shah of Iran

US support of Iraq during the Iran-Iraq War

Iran’s nuclear weapons program

1. China addressed the overpopulation issue by enforcing the

ONE CHILD POLICY

1. Summarize the characteristics concerning the economies of the developing world:

The gap between the rich and poor is growing

53. Locate the regions on a map that have the following concerns:

- Genocide - Africa

-Oil- Middle East

-Illegal Immigration- Mexico

-Illegal Drugs - Columbia

-Nuclear Proliferation – India and the Middle East

1. Hezbollah, al Qaeda and Isis are all labeled as terrorists groups
2. Republicans are labeled as conservatives