

Unit IX: The Modern Era

Assignment 1:

Readings:

Chapter 43: pgs 990-1020

Other selected sources:

Jerry Falwell, *Listen America*

Arthur Schlesinger, *E Pluribus Unum*

Robert Putnam, *Bowling Alone*

Causes of 9/11

Edward Snowden: Hero or Traitor? (2 perspectives)

Topics:

The Fall of the USSR and End of Cold War

Conservatism in the 1980's – Ronald Reagan & the Religious Right

The US War on Terrorism – 9/11 and its aftermath

Contemporary political debates

Homework Questions & elements:

1. **Handout: Jerry Falwell, *Listen America*** => read the article and answer the Primary source analysis questions
2. **Handout: Arthur Schlesinger, *E Pluribus Unum*** => read the article and answer the Primary source analysis questions
3. **Handout: Robert Putnam, *Bowling Alone*** => read the article and answer the questions that accompany it
4. **Handout: Causes of 9/11** => read the article and answer the questions that accompany it
5. **Author's Thesis Paper: *Edward Snowden, Hero or Traitor?*** => Read the short passages & answer the questions that follow each (DO NOT answer final analysis Q)
6. Read the Varying Viewpoints Essay on page 1021 and answer the following question (1 paragraph minimum) => What is the origin of modern conservatism?

Six Degrees of Separation: from the Election of Ronald Reagan to the Election of Barack Obama

For each Six Degrees of Separation assignment students will be required to select six events in chronological order that link the first event in the series with the last. Students will then write the name of each selected event and use their research as well as their knowledge of the time period to create an argument to support the events selected. Students must emphasize both cause and effect and/or demonstrate continuity or change over time in their linking. There will be at least one Six Degrees of Separation assignment per unit.

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111. Moral Majority –

112. Reaganomics –

113. NAFTA –

114. Obergefell v Hodges –

115. Facebook –

116. Immigration Act of 1986 –

117. Star Wars or SDI –

118. Patriot Act --