1. Lyndon B. Johnson
   1. Great Society
      1. Medicare- money to the elderly
      2. Medicaid- money to the poor
      3. War on Poverty
      4. Financial Aid for college
   2. Vietnam War
      1. Escalates the war after the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
         1. US ship allegedly attacked by North Vietnam (Vietcong)
         2. Congress allows Johnson to send over as many troops as he wants to
      2. Negative reaction to war after Tet Offensive
      3. War very costly…could not fulfill Great Society plans
2. Richard Nixon
   1. Pulls US out of Vietnam
      1. Passes the War Powers Act of 1973
         1. President needs Congress’s approval to go to war after 60 days (the President can get a 30 day extension if needed)
      2. Sends troops into Cambodia to cut off the Vietcong supply lines
         1. Led to student protests on college campuses
            1. Kent State Incident
   2. Détente- easing of tensions
      1. Create better relations with China and Soviet Union
      2. Ping Pong Diplomacy- the US ping pong team went to China to play the Chinese national ping pong team.
      3. SALT- limit nuclear testing
   3. Watergate Scandal
      1. Watergate- hotel in Washington DC
      2. Nixon is a Republican. He is running for re-election.
      3. He is about to be impeached.
      4. He resigns
3. Gerald Ford
   1. Takes over for Nixon
   2. Pardons (legal forgiveness) Nixon
   3. Helsinki Accords- agreement to promote human rights
4. Jimmy Carter
   1. Camp David Accords
      1. Leader of Israel (Jews) and the leader Egypt (Muslims) to meet at Camp David
      2. Israel agreed to give some land back to Egypt
      3. Egypt agreed to political accept Israel as a country
      4. Jimmy Carter wins the Nobel Peace Prize
   2. Iran Hostage Crisis
      1. The leader of Iran (Middle East and it is a Muslim country) was overthrown. His name is the Shah.
      2. Shah comes to the US to receive medical help.
      3. The new leader of Iran, is the Ayatollah.
      4. Ayatollah tells his military and college students to take over the US embassy in Iran and take all of the Americans there as hostages.
      5. 444 days they are hostages. They are only released on Jimmy Carter’s last day as president.
   3. The price of oil (gasoline) skyrocketed because OPEC stopped selling oil to the US.
5. Ronald Regan
   1. Reaganomics (Supply-side economics OR Voodoo economics)
      1. Cut takes to the rich
         1. Rich people own the factories
            1. If you cut their taxes they will have more money to work with

They hire more workers

The new workers have jobs and can be taxed

* 1. Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)
     1. Star Wars
        1. The US tried to make a defensive shield from satellites
  2. 1989- the Berlin Wall was brought down by the Germans
     1. The Soviet Union was bankrupt and couldn’t afford to militarily keep the wall up
  3. 1991- The Soviet Union collapse
     1. Ends the Cold War (1945-1991)

1. George Bush Sr.
   1. Persian Gulf War (1991)
      1. US invaded Iraq because Iraq invaded Kuwait.
         1. Kuwait was a friend of the US and supplied the US with oil
         2. The leader of Iraq was Saddam Hussein
         3. The US forces Iraq out of Kuwait.
         4. The US does not overthrow Saddam Hussein (leave him in power in Iraq)
2. William (Bill) Clinton
   1. Many of the former Soviet nations were economically terrible after the fall of the Soviet Union
      1. In Yugoslavia (Europe), a leader Slobodan Milosevic starts to kill off Muslims in his country (genocide)
      2. Clinton orders NATO and the UN to get involved.

In Somalia (Africa), the Marines are sent in to get rid of terrorists.

* + - 1. A US helicopter crashed and some Marines were killed
      2. Black Hawk Down
  1. NAFTA
     1. North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement
     2. The US will open up factories in Canada (North) and Mexico (South). The factories will not be taxed
     3. Many Americans did not like NAFTA because if companies can open businesses in Mexico without paying taxes, all major companies will do this. Americans will not be hired.
  2. Impeachment of Clinton
     1. Clinton was accused of lying under oath
     2. Clinton lied about having a sexual affair with his secretary (Monica Lewinsky).
     3. Clinton was impeached for lying.
     4. He was found guilty of lying but was not removed from office.
     5. Only the House of Representatives can impeach a President.
     6. Only the Senate can remove a president from office.
  3. Teflon President
     1. When he was the President, the economy was doing well. People had jobs so they didn’t care about his scandals. When the economy is good, people don’t care what the President does.

1. George Bush Jr.
   1. 2000 Election
      1. Bush (Republican) v. Al Gore (Democrat)
         1. There were some problems in the way the votes were counted in the election.
         2. In the state of Florida, the voting machines weren’t working properly.
            1. The piece of paper in the voting booth (hanging chad) wasn’t lining up properly so people ended up voting for the wrong candidate.
   2. September 11, 2001
      1. Terrorist attack on US soil
         1. Twin Towers (NYC), the Pentagon (Washington DC), Pennsylvania
         2. Osama Bin Laden- his terrorist organization was called Al Qaida.
            1. His headquarters was in Afghanistan

The government (Taliban) of Afghanistan protected Al Qaida

* + - 1. US declares a war on Terrorism
    1. Bush passes the Patriot Act
       1. The government can watch over all emails, phone calls, texts of American people
       2. Some people thought this violated your privacy
  1. Declares war on Iraq
     1. Get rid of Saddam Hussein
     2. He was trying to finish the job his father never did
        1. The US was looking for WMDs (Weapons of Mass Destruction)
           1. The US never found any of them
     3. They found Saddam Hussein hiding in a “spider hole” and sent him to an international court
     4. Saddam was found guilty of “Crimes Against Humanity” for killing innocent people
        1. He was hanged
  2. The economy starts to go in the wrong direction
     1. The banks were letting people borrow money to buy houses but these people did not have enough money to pay back their loans
  3. Hurricane Katrina
     1. Hit New Orleans, Louisiana.
        1. Mississippi River
        2. This was a terrible natural disaster
        3. FEMA was sent in to help the people out (Federal Emergency Management Agency

1. The Warren Court
   1. Earl Warren was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
      1. He continually increased the rights of people accused of crimes
      2. Miranda v. Arizona
         1. Miranda Rights
         2. You have the right to remain silent
         3. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law
         4. You have the right an attorney
         5. If you cannot afford an attorney, the state will provide you with a free one
      3. Escabedo v. Illinois
      4. Mapp v. Ohio
2. Other Movements
   1. Farmers Movement
      1. Cesar Chavez
      2. Mexican migrant farmer
      3. United Farmers Movement
   2. Native Americans
      1. AIM- American Indian Movement
         1. Lived on Indian reservation (Dawes Plan)
         2. Poverty (poor)
   3. Women
      1. 19th Amendment- women right to vote (suffrage)
      2. ERA- Equal Rights Amendment- never happened
      3. Roe v. Wade
         1. Pro Choice (women should have the right to choose if they want to have an abortion)
         2. Pro Life (women should not be allowed to have an abortion because they are killing a fetus/baby)
   4. African Americans
      1. Affirmative Action
         1. Bakke v. California
         2. A school must allow a certain number of minorities into their school if they want money from the government
         3. Criticized for creating reverse discrimination (discriminating against white people)