I The Conservative Movement Surges
A. The person most responsible for starting the modern conservative movement was Barry Goldwater
B. Ronald Reagan opposed the power of the federal government, he wanted small government.
C. Reagan followers agreed with him that the government should practice fiscal responsibility.
D. Liberal view points would be in favor of a national healthcare system for all citizens.
E. The decline of traditional family values brought about the increasing popularity of the Moral Majority.
F. Jerry Falwell promoted the influence of evangelicals on the conservative political movement.

II The Reagan Era
A. The theory of supply-side economics involved the lowering of taxes for all Americans as a means of collecting greater revenue.
B. Conservatives believe that limiting government regulation will stimulate the economy.
C. Rising problems in the 1980's included, AIDS, gun violence, and increased drug use among Americans.
D. During the Reagan Presidency the US experienced a huge trade deficit with Japan.
E. The trade deficit with Japan reached the maximum of 60 billion dollars in 1986.
F. Reagan showed his support of business over labor by firing the air traffic controllers that went on strike.
G. In Reagans reelection campaign he said that "It's morning again in America..."
H. Reagan proved that he could handle problems better than his opponents.
I. In the 1984 election many more voted Republican than in 1980.
J. The 80's were at best a contradiction between optimistic political rhetoric and depressing reality.
K. The explosion of the space shuttle "Challenger" was the most tragic event of Reagan's Presidency.

III The Cold War Ends
A. Reagan always believed that it was the US duty to stand up against the USSR's brutal regime.
B. Reagan believed that if they US could build a larger more powerful weapons arsenal that would help defeat Communism.
C. By using the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) the US would force the USSR to bankruptcy.
D. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of perestroika involved adopting elements of a free-market economy.
E. As the cold war ends, its ending bring an end to totalitarian repression in the USSR.
F. Reagan asks Gorbachev to come to Berlin and tear down the wall that separates East and West Berlin.
G. Macedonia, Slovenia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Croatia were the first to declare independence.
I. The US pulls out of Lebanon after a terrorist attack kills 241 Marines.

IV A New Era in Foreign Policy
A. Panama's dictator Manuel Noriega declares War on the US. The US responds by invading Panama.
B. Contrary to Bush's policy, Noriega is suspected of allowing drugs to be smuggled into the US.
C. During the Persian Gulf War, Iraq is attacked on several fronts.
D. Clinton wanted to attract Conservatives and Liberal votes, by promising a more efficient government.
E. The US intervention in the Balkans, and Haiti were two examples of a larger debate about the role of the US military in a post Cold-War world.
F. The Balkans had all the ingredients of a major war: ancient grievances, struggling democracy, and a dictator that continues to start new wars and fanes the flames of ethnic and religious differences.
V Clinton and the 1990s
   A. Clinton signs the Family Medical Leave Act a law that guarantees 12 weeks of unpaid leave per year.
   B. The Democrat idea that the federal government should address social problems is best seen in the Clinton administration attempt to reform health care.
   C. A reluctance to expand the federal bureaucracy is why conservatives were against the reforms.
   D. Vice President Gore attempts to change peoples mind about gun laws.
   E. Ronald Reagan believed that some moderate gun control measures should be implemented.
   F. The Brady Bill kept known criminals from buying guns.
   G. Elements of the Contract With America were based on such as tax cuts and welfare reform were based on the premise that government should be small and efficient.
   H. The Conservative agenda failed to include anything about social programs to help the poor.
   I. By the mid-1990's the Republicans were clearly in control of Congress.
   J. The Contract With America started a counter revolution a full scale attack on the idea that government should play a central role in peoples lives.
   K. The development of the computer allows the military to make much more efficient weapons.