



**Modern U.S.  
History  
EOCT REVIEW**

# WWII 1941-1945

## Causes for American Involvement:

- Attack on Pearl Harbor by  
Japan



Japan Americans, German Americans, & Italian Americans were gathered and sent to “internment camps” in WWII in the U.S.



# BATTLE OF MIDWAY



**Pivotal naval battle in the Pacific Theater of World War II. It took place from June 4 to June 7, 1942, six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The battle was a crushing defeat for the Japanese and is widely regarded as the most important naval battle of World War II. The battle permanently weakened the Japanese Navy.**

# D-Day



**Allied invasion of  
Europe**

# Women go to work during WWII

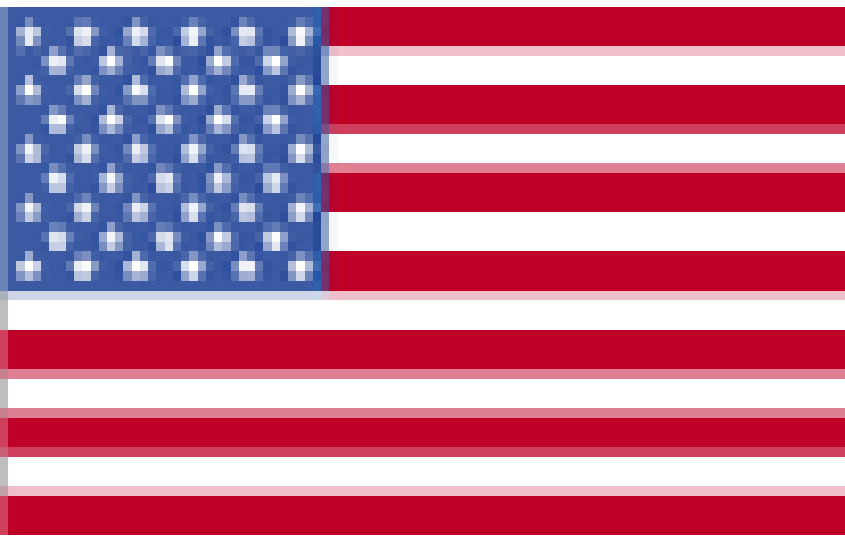


- In the **Manhattan Project** at **Los Alamos** developed an atomic bomb. The Atomic bomb was tested in 1945 in New Mexico.
- On August 6, a bomb was dropped on **Hiroshima**.
- On August 9, a bomb was dropped on **Nagasaki**.
- A week later Japan surrendered on September 2, 1945.



# The Cold War

- The United States vs. The Soviet Union





# The Cold War

Different political and economic systems led to an increase in weapons, a race to develop new technology in space

(Space Race), a fear of atomic war, and fear that the other side would expand... leads to Korean War and Vietnam War.

# COMMUNISM VS. CAPITALISM

USSR vs. America

## Containment

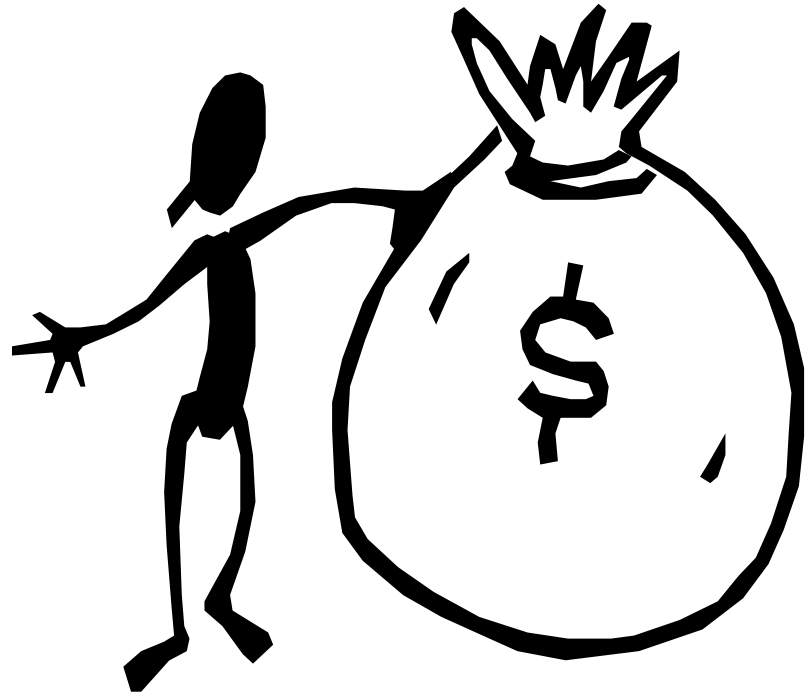
(stopping the  
spread of  
communism)



- Truman Doctrine “The U.S. will help anyone fight communism.”

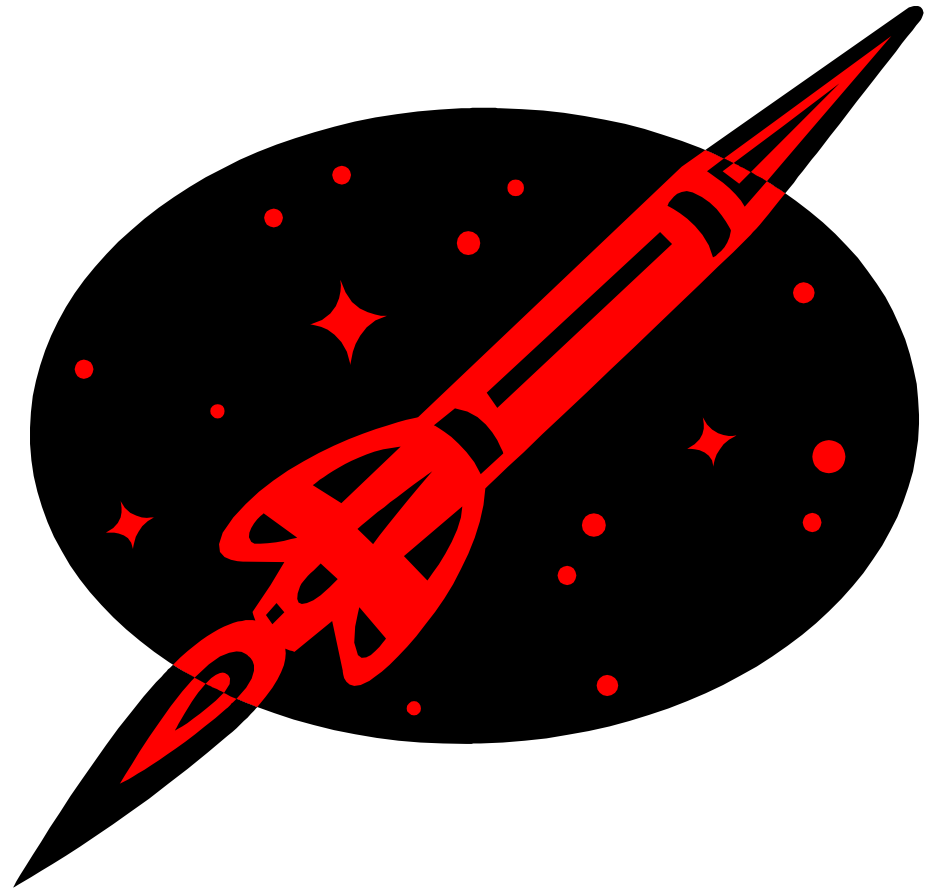


- Marshall Plan  
\$ to rebuild Europe after WWII

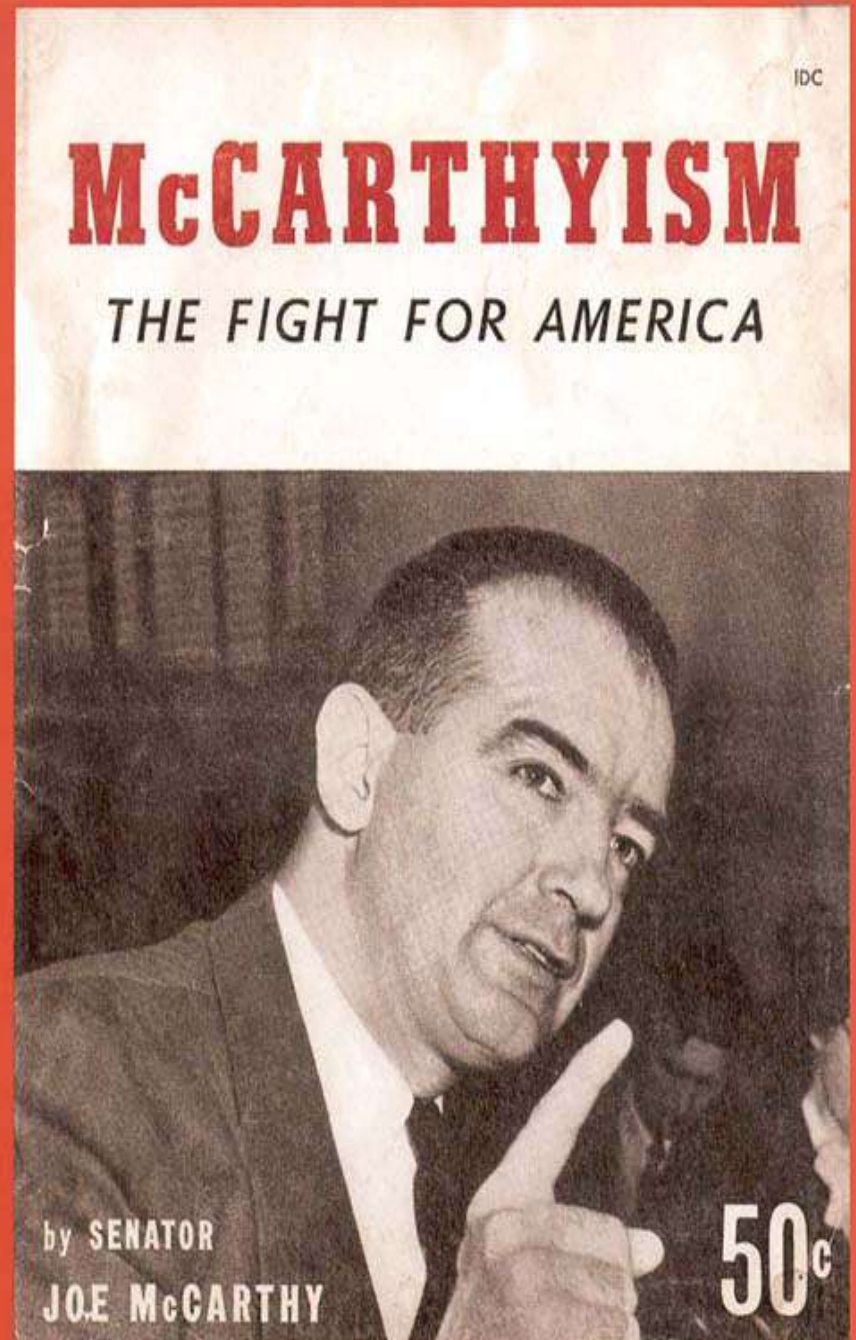


# The Launch of Sputnik I

- The Sputnik program was a series of unmanned space missions launched by the Soviet Union in the late 1950s to demonstrate the viability of artificial satellites.
- All Sputniks were carried to orbit by the R-7 launch vehicle, originally designed to carry nuclear warheads.



- Senator Joseph McCarthy
- **McCarthyism**  
Accused people of being communist spies.



Civil Rights Movement

**July 26, 1948**  
**President Truman issues Executive Order No. 9981 Desegregating the Military**



Jackie Robinson is identified with  
the integration of BASEBALL.





# The Freedom Riders

- “Freedom Riders” rode buses into Southern segregated bus terminals
- Many “Freedom Riders” were met with violence in the South



# Students Stage Sit-ins

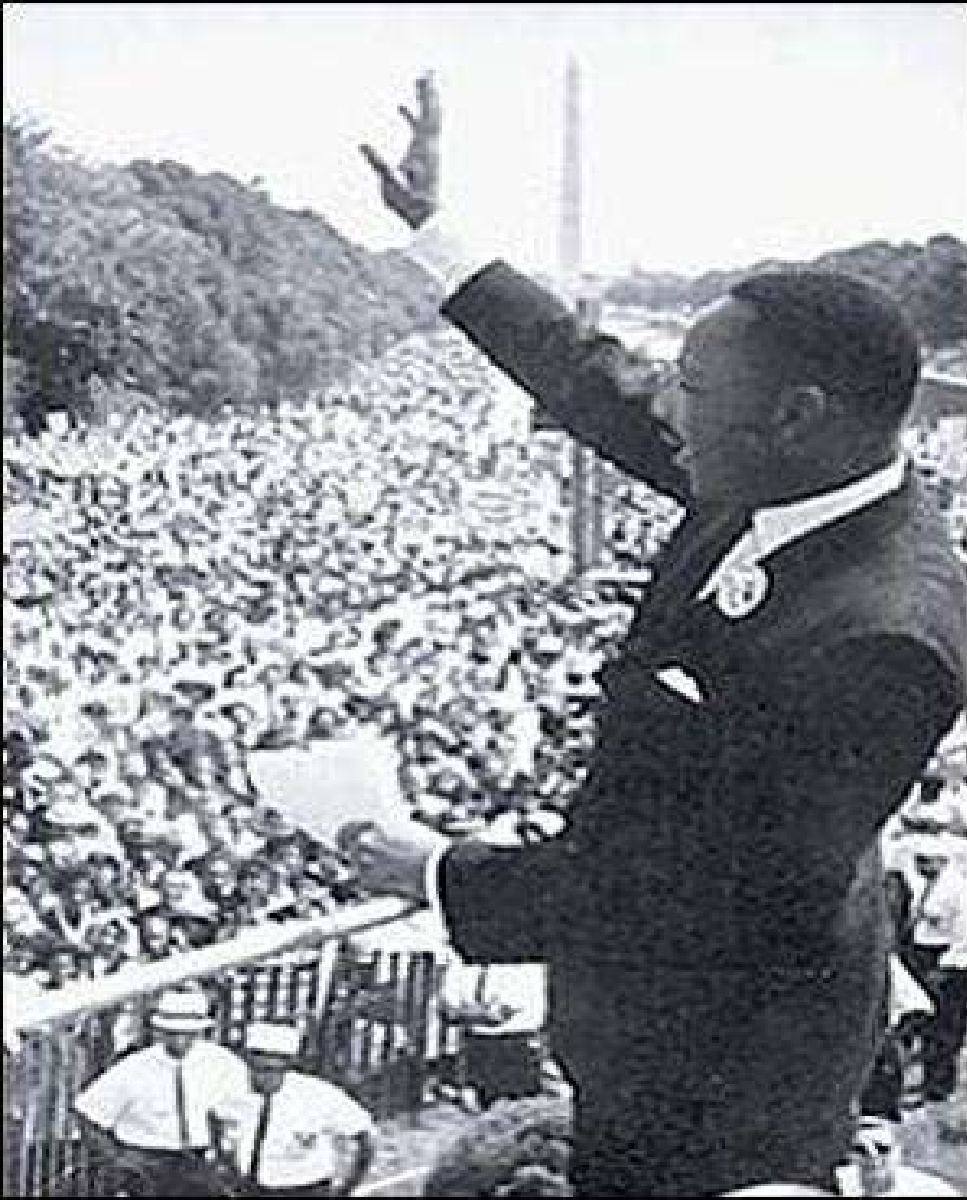


- In 1960, Greensboro, NC Four African-Americans sit at segregated lunch counter
- The sit-in becomes a popular way to protest

# Violence in Birmingham



# The March on Washington



- 1963, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation
- 200,00 demonstrators merged at the Lincoln Memorial
- MLK delivered “I Have a Dream” speech

# Brown vs. Board of Ed



- **REVERSED**  
**Plessy vs.**  
**Ferguson of**  
***“separate but***  
***equal”...starts***  
**integration in**  
**education**

# Another “Warren Court” Case

## Miranda vs. Arizona

Established  
that police  
have to  
remind  
people of  
their rights as  
they are  
arrested



# Civil Rights Act of 1964

- outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin: in voting, employment, and public services, such as transportation.



# VOTING RIGHTS ACT of 1965

- **Outlawed literacy (reading) tests as a requirement in order to register to vote.**





# **SNCC**

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Freedom Rides, then  
turned  
to Black Power and  
protesting the Vietnam  
War

# **SCLC**

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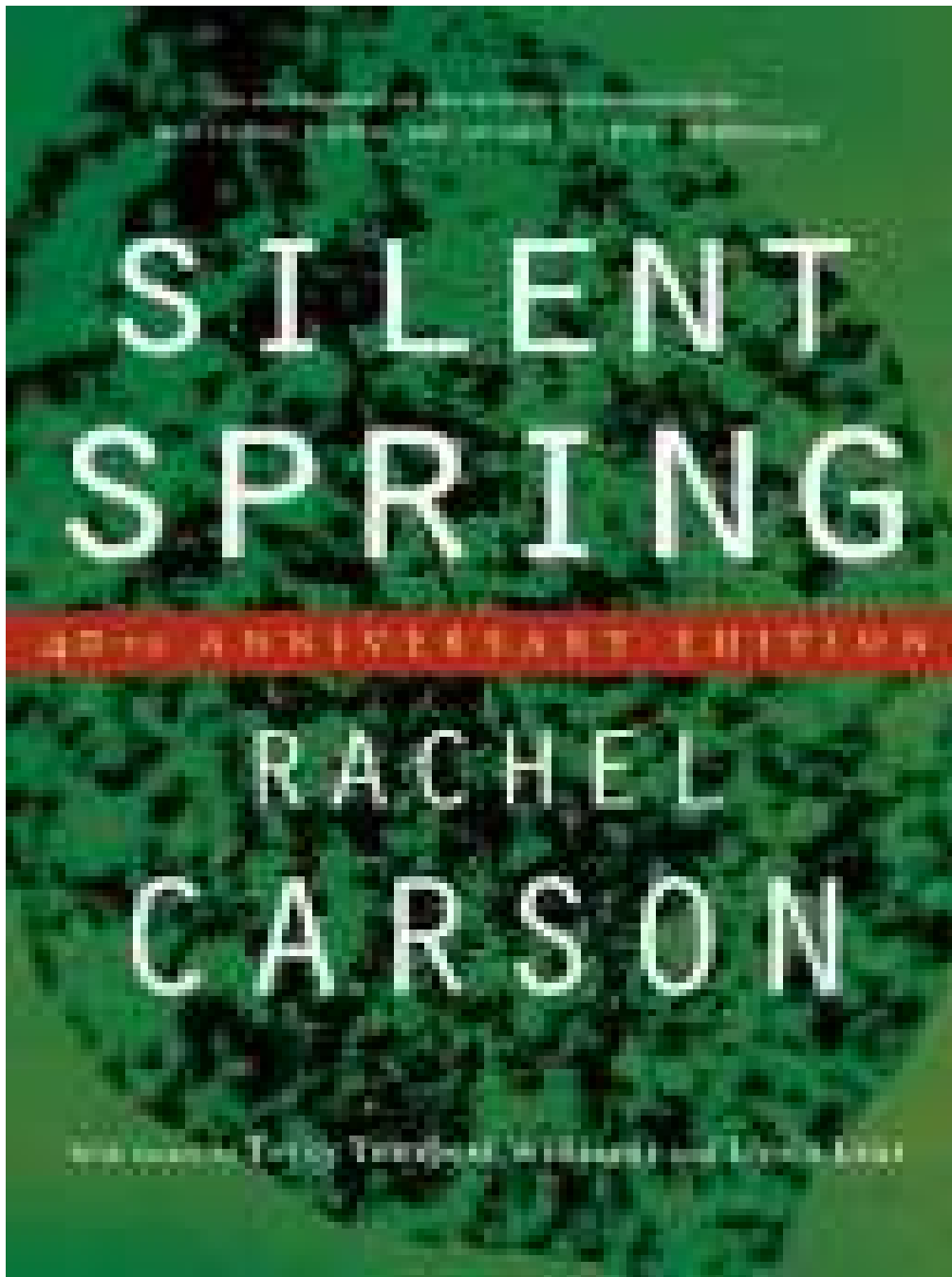
Civil Disobedience, peaceful  
Protests, sit ins, marches...  
MLK, Jr.

# Bakke Decision

landmark decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on affirmative action. It bars quota systems in college admissions but affirms the constitutionality of affirmative action programs giving an advantage to minorities.



**Cesar Chavez was a farm worker, labor leader, and civil rights activist who co-founded the United Farm Workers. His work led to numerous improvements for union workers. He is considered a hero for farm laborers, and fought against illegal immigration to help keep wages higher and improve work safety rules.**



Caused an interest in the environment



# National Organization for Women

- Work for equal rights for women
- Support candidates and laws that promotes women's rights since 1966



# Roe vs. Wade ( 1973)

- Legalized abortion



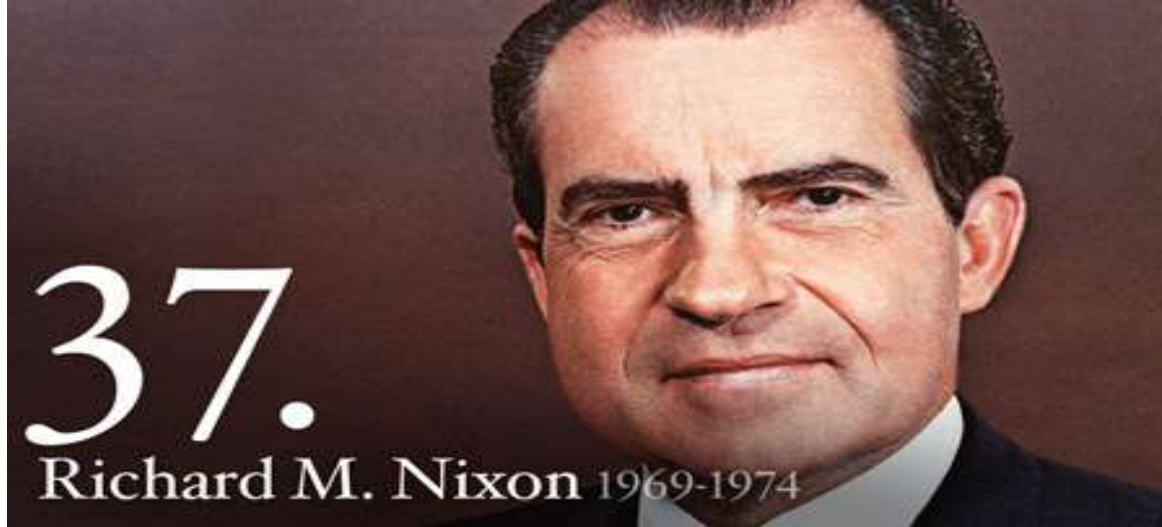


- *On November 22, 1963, when he was hardly past his first thousand days in office, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was killed by an assassin's bullets as his motorcade wound through Dallas, Texas. Kennedy was the youngest man elected President; he was the youngest to die.*



Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" included: aid to education, Medicare, urban renewal, conservation, fight against poverty, fight against crime, and the removal of obstacles that prohibited voting rights.





*The "Watergate" scandal was an event stemming from a break-in at the offices of the Democratic National Committee during the 1972 campaign. The break-in was traced to officials of the Committee to Re-elect the President. A number of administration officials resigned; some were later convicted of offenses connected with efforts to cover up the affair. Nixon denied any personal involvement, but the courts forced him to yield tape recordings which indicated that he had, in fact, tried to divert the investigation.*

*Faced with what seemed almost certain impeachment, Nixon announced on August 8, 1974, that he would resign the next day to begin "that process of healing which is so desperately needed in America."*



- In foreign affairs, Carter set his own style. His championing of human rights was coldly received by the Soviet Union and some other nations. In the Middle East, through the Camp David agreement of 1978, he helped bring amity between Egypt and Israel.

# Iranian Hostage Crisis

1979: 66 Americans are taken hostage from the Embassy in Iran. Diplomatic attempts and a military rescue failed. They DID get released, but the crisis had already affected Carter, who left office the same day they came home.



Two of the hostages



- Reaganomics: economic plan to reduce taxes for businesses to boost growth...led to debt
- Iran /Contra Affair:2 people in his administration sold weapons to Iran for hostages in Lebanon, but money really went to fund “contras” in Nicaragua.
- Collapse of Soviet Union: friend with USSR Mikhail Gorbachev.. Agreed to reduce nuclear missiles

- North
- American
- Free
- Trade
- Agreement

# NAFTA

- US, Canada, Mexico
- LITTLE or NO TAXES to import between the 3 countries for certain products



President Bill Clinton was impeached... but NOT removed from office





- Election of 2000: questioned electoral college process because Al Gore received the majority of the popular vote.

# September 11, 2001

