

# #12122 CARTER, REAGAN, & G.H. BUSH

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### **Carter, Reagan & G. H. W. Bush** **Our Presidents in America's History Series**

**Subject Area:** Social Studies, US History

**Synopsis:** Chronicles the presidencies of Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George H. W. Bush. Discusses the Iran Hostage Crisis, the Cold War, the Iran Contra Scandal, Reagan's economic policies, the Persian Gulf War, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the Los Angeles riots of 1992.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to discuss the major events of Jimmy Carter's presidency, including the Camp David Peace Accord and the Iran Hostage Crisis.
- Objective 2)** Students will be able to describe Ronald Reagan's view of America's role of promoting freedom and democracy in the world, and discuss his economic policies.
- Objective 3)** Students will be able to discuss the major events of George H.W. Bush's presidency, including the Persian Gulf War, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the Los Angeles riots of 1992.

**Pre-Viewing Activities:**

- 1) Explore students' knowledge of the Cold War. What was the cause of tension between the United States and the Soviet Union?
- 2) Vocabulary: tax reform, civil service reform, Camp David Peace Accord, Muslim extremists, hostage, terrorism, blackmail, restraint, human rights, economic growth, stock market, arms reductions, Iran Contra Scandal, deficit, foreign affairs, personal diplomacy, recession, riots.

**Post-Viewing Discussion and Activities:**

- 1) What types of programs did Jimmy Carter focus on during his term in office? What was his major accomplishment?
- 2) How long did the Iran Hostage Crisis last? How did Carter respond to the Crisis? Was his response popular? Why was it important that the US not yield to terrorism or blackmail?
- 3) What was Reagan's view of America's role in the world? Does the United States have a responsibility to the rest of the world?
- 4) What was the Iran Contra Scandal? Why did the Reagan administration secretly sell weapons to Iran?
- 5) What was Bush's purpose for going to war with Iraq in the Persian Gulf War?

- 6) What events signaled the end of the Cold War? What challenges would Germany face following the fall of the Berlin Wall? What challenges would the former Soviet Union face after the collapse of their government?
- 7) In what ways have the demands of the Presidency increased over time? Are the demands of the Presidency too much for one person to handle?

**Additional Activities:**

- 1) Read excerpts from the diary Robert C. Ode wrote during his captivity during the Iran Hostage Crisis. Excerpts of his diary are available at [www.jimmycarterlibrary.org](http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.org).
- 2) Divide students into groups to research the following: The Camp David Peace Accord, the Iran Contra Scandal, the Challenger explosion, the Persian Gulf War, the Berlin Wall, the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the Los Angeles riots of 1992. After providing students adequate time to research their subjects, have them present their findings to the class.

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