1979: Iranian Revolution

1. Six American Presidents have now faced off against Iran’s hard-line Islamic regime, beginning with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Gerald Ford
   2. Jimmy Carter
   3. Ronald Reagan
   4. George H. W. Bush
2. The Shah demonstrated his solidarity with the West
   1. By fully democratizing Iran
   2. After pressure from other Middle Eastern countries to do so
   3. By providing supplies to allied forces during World War II
   4. During the Cold War
3. Which of the following was not a reason for opposition to the Shah and his policies?
   1. The conservative Shiite clergy were angry at the nation’s liberalization
   2. Landowners did not like his redistribution of land to sharecropping farmers
   3. Americans did not want to participate in the Westernization of Iran
   4. The country’s economic expansion bred rampant corruption
4. Put the following events in order:
   1. Ayatollah Khomeini seizes power
   2. The Shah flees Iran
   3. Ronald Reagan is elected President
   4. Islamic students lead massive protests against the Shah’s rule
   5. The American hostages are released
   6. President Carter allows the Shah to seek medical treatment in the U.S.
   7. The Shah imposes martial law
   8. 66 Americans are taken hostage in Tehran
5. When Khomeini seized power, he
   1. Formed a full-fledged parliamentary government
   2. Established an Islamic theocracy
   3. Declared war on the West
   4. Tried to attack neighboring countries
6. Why might Iranians have supported the radical changes Khomeini instituted when he seized power in 1979?

**Answer the following:**

(1) Describe Iran under the Shah's rule.

(2) What exiled Muslim cleric returned to Iran to lead the revolution?

(3) Why was the American embassy targeted by the revolutionaries?

(4) Why do you suppose that so many young people, including young women, were part of the Iranian Revolution?

**Define the following vocabulary terms and names:**

1. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini,
2. CIA (Central Intelligence Agency),
3. Hezbollah
4. Iranian Revolution
5. President Jimmy Carter
6. Muslim Student Followers of the Imam's Line
7. Persia
8. Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
9. Shi'a Islam
10. Tehran
11. Theocracy
12. Tony Mendez