

U.S. History

Unit – Modern America and National Security

Required Reading: *Call to Freedom* and *The Americans*

Unit Description: In this unit we examine how the United States emerged as a dominant leader in world affairs amidst a globalized economy, political terrorism, and proliferation of nuclear weapons and changes made after the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Unit Objectives: The student will be able to:

- Explain how the United States faced new political, national security, and economic challenges in the post-Cold War world and following the attacks on September 11, 2001.
- Analyze how the role of the United States changed in global politics (preemptive wars).
- Explain the broadening of terrorism and the US response.
- Analyze the effect of national security on civil liberties.
- Evaluate economic challenges facing the United States within a globalized economy.

Historical Document:

- George W. Bush, address to Congress 2001

Unit Terms: Define each of the following terms. You will be quizzed on your knowledge of them. They will also be useful for review.

Unit Vocabulary

1. Globalization
2. Recession
3. Patriot Act
4. September 11, 2001
5. Terrorism
6. Proliferation
7. Sanction
8. Embargo
9. Eradicate
10. Martyr
11. Fervor
12. Dehumanize
13. Secular
14. Axis of Evil
15. Self-determination
16. Ideologue
17. Weapons of mass destruction
18. State-sponsored terrorism
19. Coalition
20. Unilateralism
21. Multilateralism
22. Regional security
23. Sovereignty
24. NATO