

APUSH PERIOD 8 GUIDE

1945-1980

KEY CONCEPTS

Key Concept 8.1: The United States responded to an uncertain and unstable postwar world by asserting and working to maintain a position of global leadership, with far-reaching domestic and international consequences.

Key Concept 8.2: New movements for civil rights and liberal efforts to expand the role of government generated a range of political and cultural responses.

Key Concept 8.3: Postwar economic and demographic changes had far-reaching consequences for American society, politics, and culture.

MAIN IDEAS

- United States policymakers engaged in a Cold War with the authoritarian Soviet Union, seeking to limit the growth of Communist military power and ideological influence, create a free-market global economy, and build an international security system.
- Cold War policies led to public debates over the power of the federal government and acceptable means for pursuing international and domestic goals while protecting civil liberties.
- Seeking to fulfill Reconstruction-era promises, civil rights activists and political leaders achieved some legal and political successes in ending segregation, although progress toward racial equality was slow.
- Responding to social conditions and the African American civil rights movement, a variety of movements emerged that focused on issues of identity, social justice, and the environment.
- Liberalism influenced postwar politics and court decisions, but it came under increasing attack from the left as well as from a resurgent conservative movement.
- Rapid economic and social changes in American society fostered a sense of optimism in the postwar years.
- New demographic and social developments, along with anxieties over the Cold War, changed U.S. culture and led to significant political and moral debates that sharply divided the nation.

KEY CONTENT

- Cold War
- Vietnam War
- 2nd Red Scare
- Civil Rights Movement
- Activism



Period 8 Key Terms

Cold War Abroad

- Truman Doctrine/ NATO/ Marshall Plan/NSC 68/ Containment/ United Nations
- Yalta Conference/ Bretton Woods Conference
- Berlin Airlift/ Korean War/
- Eisenhower Doctrine/ Suez Crisis/ U2 Incident/ Brinkmanship/Military Industrial Complex
- Flexible Response/ Peace Corps/Alliance for Progress/ Berlin Wall Bay of Pigs/ Cuban Missile Crisis/
- Nuclear Test Ban Treaty/Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty
- Domino Theory/ Vietnam War/ Pentagon Papers/ War Powers Act/ Vietnamization/ Tonkin Gulf Resolution/ My Lai Massacre/ Tet Offensive
- Detente/ Realpolitik/Nixon Doctrine/SALT I/Nixon's Visit to China
- OPEC/Iran Hostage Crisis/SALT II/ Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan/ Olympic Boycott/ Carter Doctrine/ Panama Canal

Cold War at Home

- HUAC/ Loyalty Oaths/ McCarthyism/ Army-McCarthy Hearings/ Alger Hiss/ McCarran Internal Security Act/ Julius & Ethel Rosenberg
- Free Speech Movement/ Students for a Democratic Society/New Lef/ Port Huron Statement/
- Beat Generation
- Counterculture/ Woodstock/ Haight Ashbury/ Sexual Revolution
- Kent State Massacre

Additional Homefront

- Fair Deal/ New Frontier/ New Federalism
- Great Society/ Medicare/ Medicaid/ Elementary & Secondary Education Act
- GI Bill/ Taft Hartley Act
- Sunbelt/ Levittown
- Checker's Speech/ Kitchen Debate
- Operation Wetback/ Immigration Act of 1965
- Dynamic Conservatism/ Interstate Highway Act
- Sputnik/National Defense Education Act/ NASA
- Silent Majority/ Southern Strategy/ Stagflation/
- Revenue Sharing
- Malaise Speech/
- Roe v. Wade/ Miranda v. Arizona/ Mapp v. Ohio/ Engle v. Vitale/ Gideon v. Wainwright/ Escobedo v. Illinois/ Griswold v. Connecticut/ Yates v. US
- Watergate/ Saturday Night Massacre
- 1968 Democratic National Convention
- WIN - Whip Inflation Now

Civil Rights Movement

- Malcolm X/ Martin Luther King Jr/ Jackie Robinson/ James Meredith/ Autherine Lucy/ Rosa Parks
- Desegregation of the Military, 1948
- Montgomery Bus Boycott/ Brown v. Board/ Little Rock Nine/ Greensboro Sit In/ Freedom Rides/ Freedom Summer/ Children's March in Birmingham/ March on Washington 1963/ Selma March/
- Affirmative Action/ Bakke v. Board of Regents
- Voting Rights Act 1965/ 24th Amendment
- Civil Rights Acts 1957, 1960, 1964 & 1968
- SNCC/CORE/Black Panthers/ SCLC/ Nation of Islam
- Southern Manifesto
- Black Power Movement
- Watts Riot
- Swann v. Charlotte Mecklenburg

Women's Rights Movement

- Cult of Domesticity/ Dr. Benjamin Spock/ Baby Boom
- Feminism
- Feminine Mystique/ Betty Friedan
- Gloria Steinem/ MS Magazine
- Equal Pay Act, 1963/ Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Shirley Chisholm
- National Organization of Women (NOW)
- Equal Rights Amendment/ Phyllis Schlafly/ Stop ERA Movement
- Title IX
- Roe v. Wade

Hispanics, Native Americans & Gay Rights Movement

- Cesar Chavez/ Grape Boycott/ United Farm Workers/ Chicanos/ La Raza Unida/ Bilingual Education
- Mendez v. Westminster/ Lau v. Nichols
- American Indian Movement/ Alcatraz Occupation/ Wounded Knee Occupation/ Indian Self Determination Act/ Longest Walk/ Trail of Broken Treaties/ Termination Policy
- Stonewall Raid/ Harvey Milk/ Pink Panthers

The Environment

- Silent Spring/ Rachel Carson
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Earth Day
- Clean Air Act/ Clean Water Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Love Canal/ Three Mile Island/ Superfund, 1980